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Advocates want green light for Parkway project

City hall. Traffic Bridge seen as vital part of active-transportation system in Saskatoon

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Several of Saskatoon's green advocates say the city's North Commuter Parkway Project is an environmental plus that would significantly reduce traffic congestion.

According to a report before the city's executive committee, the proposed opening of the North Commuter Parkway Bridge and the Traffic Bridge would save more than 12,000 litres of fuel per day, reducing carbon emissions by 28 tonnes daily once the city reaches a population of 300,000.

On Monday, the committee will vote on whether to recommend that council fund the $252-million project through a public-private partnership.

Michael Hill, chairman of Saskatoon's environmental advisory committee, said the project gives the city a great opportunity to reduce carbon emissions.

"It just improves the quality of life for everyone within the city," Hill said.

"If we could reduce energy consumption, we can improve air quality."

In addition to shrinking the city's carbon footprint, the project would save time for commuters. It's estimated that during peak hours, it would reduce traffic congestion by 7,000 hours daily.

Sean Shaw of Saskatoon Cycles, an organization spearheading the Better Bike Lanes campaign, said a reconstruction of the Traffic Bridge is an important part of the local active transportation system.

"It's a missing piece of the puzzle for pedestrians and cyclists," Shaw said, adding that it wouldn't be as important for motorists.

"We've adapted well as a city to not having that as a vehicle route," he said of the Traffic Bridge, which closed in 2010.

"It's a minute extra, or 30 seconds extra, in your car to get to one of the other bridges. But for a pedestrian or cyclist, it's a lot longer."

To pay for the project, city hall has applied for funding from the federal government through P3 Canada. A funding announcement from the Saskatchewan government is expected for 2015.

CLOSE, BUT NO CUP

Fans of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies cheer on their team at the University Cup national men's hockey championship game at Credit Union Centre on Sunday. Despite fans' vocal enthusiasm, the University of Alberta Golden Bears won the game by a 3-1 score. Bears captain Sean Ringrose, inset, hoisted the University Cup in victory. More coverage, pages 3 & 22. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

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Saskatoon public warming to pothole-reporting tool

'Extremely positive response.' In the first two days, more than 1,925 people visited the website to report 266 potholes

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Saskatoon's city councillors say the municipality's new Report a Pothole tool will play an important role in the upcoming construction season.

Launched earlier this month, the map-based tool enables the public to report potholes from any mobile devices or desktop computers.

And residents are already using the site.

According to the City of Saskatoon, more than 1,925 people visited the website in the first two days after its official launch — reporting 266 potholes.

Darren Hill, Ward 1 councillor, said his constituents are giving the system a warm welcome.

"What I've heard in the last week is an extremely positive response," Hill said, adding that the tool will make repair work more efficient.

"We're going to see a higher volume of reporting and more accurate data in terms of where we need to allocate our resources."

Ward 5 Coun. Randy Donauer explained that it's a nice addition to the city's communication with citizens.

"Any way we can make it easy for residents to communicate with either their councillor or the City of Saskatoon, that's a good thing," Donauer said.

He added, though, that he still wants his constituents to contact him if they're not getting an appropriate response.

"Not every tool is going to find everybody," he said, "and we find some of the tools don't work the way we think they will."

Quoted

"Any way we can make it easy for residents to communicate with either their councillor or the City of Saskatoon, that's a good thing"
Coun. Randy Donauer

Residents are warming to the online system that enables them to report potholes, such as this one on 10th Street East, from any desktop computer or mobile device. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Summer businesses ready for spring

Allen Malberg METRO

Two of Saskatoon's favourite spring snack shacks are gearing up for warm weather.

Laurel Beaumont, owner and manager of downtown's Bus Stop Refreshments, said on Sunday that she's ready to start her 26th season in the city.

"It's always nice to have the break in the winter," Beaumont said, "but spring is always very welcome."

While Bus Stop Refreshments will remain closed for a few more weeks, an opening in mid-April is a possibility — making for an earlier start than last year.

"This time last year we still had major snowbanks everywhere and I didn't get open until the last week of April," she said, adding that her goal is to open in time to catch tourists during the Easter break.

Allen Malberg, owner, operator and manufacturer with Homestead Ice Cream in the Nutana area, said the season has begun strong — despite the cold early spring.

"Traffic has actually been very consistent," Malberg said of the ice cream parlour, which opened little more than a week ago.

"The usual after-supper (period) is very busy, and I just appreciate everyone coming in with how cold it is," he added. "We've got 24 of the 40 flavours ready to go."

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Investment mission

Carbon-capture technology promoted in China

Saskatchewan's economy minister will promote the province's Boundary Dam Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project in China during an investment mission.

Bill Boyd will discuss the CCS technology with China's resource sector leaders during the National Development and Reform Commission's annual conference.

"China has a considerable interest in our province's oil and gas sector as well as … our CCS technology and our enhanced oil recovery methods," Boyd said.

SaskPower's Boundary Dam Project is the world's first and largest CCS project. Located near Estevan, its launch is expected late this year.

The minister also plans to discuss investment opportunities in Saskatchewan with companies from Beijing in Singapore.

Boyd's investment mission will end on April 4.

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Federal support

Province reaches job grant deal

The government of Saskatchewan has struck a deal with Ottawa to pave the way for the implementation of the Canada Jobs Grant program.

Federal Employment and Social Development Minister Jason Kenney and Bill Boyd, the province's minister of the economy, signed a memorandum of understanding on Friday for the program, which is aimed at aligning job-seekers with in-demand skills.

"One of the most important challenges Saskatchewan faces in maintaining its economic momentum is … ensuring that it has enough qualified workers," Boyd said. METRO

Huskies fanatics form sea of green

Despite their home team ultimately falling 3-1 to the University of Alberta Golden Bears in the University Cup men's hockey championship on Sunday, thousands of local fans at the Credit Union Centre never stopped cheering for the Huskies.

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1 Scarves for show.

Chase Bradshaw, 24, left, and 25-year-old Jenna Baptist sport Huskies gear at the game.

2 Like father, like son.

Green-and-White supporter Scott Mantyka and his eight-year-old son Denym pose for a picture.

3 Heart of a Husky.

Fans of all ages came out to the national championship match, including face-painted fans Grace Odnokon, 4, and two-year-old Andrew.

4 Life-long fans.

Colleen Landa, 52, and 51-year-old Kim Brown sport some stylish Huskies gear at Credit Union Centre.

5 Louder with the lads.

Huskies fans Alex McLellan, Daniel Rolfe, Jared Durston and Steven McLellan cheer on the University of Saskatchewan.

6 Serious supporters.

Die-hard U of S fans Landon Moser, left, Scott Mostoway and Matt Schule appear ready to rumble at the final game.

France. Local elections a test for unpopular Hollande — and far right

France's far-right National Front conquered a symbolic northern town in Sunday's first round of municipal elections and led in some other cities, drawing calls by the governing left and rival right to stop the anti-immigration party's advance.

The governing Socialist Party, which was victorious in 2008 voting, was losing ground to the conservative party, reflecting the deep unpopularity of President Francois Hollande, who has failed to cure the struggling economy and unemployment rate hovering above 10 per cent.

The National Front won an outright victory that made Steeve Briois mayor in Henin-Beaumont, party leader Marine Le Pen's blighted northern outpost — once a thriving coal mining town of 26,000 people. Briois took 50.26 per cent of the vote, eliminating the need for a final round on March 30.

Socialist Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault called for right and left to join to stop the National Front in towns it might win next week, saying that "all forces have the responsibility to … stop" the far right's march. A so-called "republican front" of left and right came together in 2002 to defeat National Front founder Jean-Marie Le Pen when he vied for the presidency.

The voting in 36,000 French villages, cities and towns for mayors and municipal councillors is also a test of the resiliency of France's governing Socialists. The election is the first since Hollande took office in 2012.

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But not Paris …

Polls showed the Socialist Party losing ground, but not the crown jewel, Paris, where two women, Socialist Anne Hidalgo and conservative Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet, were vying.

Mulroney lashed out at Trudeau over Meech

1990. Newly released records show Brian Mulroney blamed Liberals for demise of constitutional accord

Demonstrators show their support for the Meech Lake Accord as the premiers leave constitutional talks in Ottawa on June 6, 1990. Newly released cabinet records show Brian Mulroney lashed out at Pierre Trudeau and other Liberals for engaging in a betrayal of the country as the Meech Lake Accord collapsed. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Huddled with his cabinet colleagues as the Meech Lake constitutional accord collapsed, Brian Mulroney lashed out at Pierre Trudeau and other Liberals for engaging in "a colossal deceit and betrayal of the country," newly released records say.

During an evening cabinet meeting in Parliament Hill's Centre Block, a dejected Mulroney squarely blamed former prime minister Trudeau and soon-to-be Liberal leader Jean Chretien for helping orchestrate the accord's demise.

"He said that the Meech Lake accord had been obstructed and undermined by people who thought they had the right to govern forever," minutes of the June 22, 1990, meeting say.

Trudeau had helped sow the seeds of the accord's eventual destruction, branding it a sellout to the provinces and Mulroney a "weakling."

The Canadian Press fought for four years to obtain the minutes of cabinet meetings from the first half of 1990, when the tense Meech Lake drama played out.

The Meech accord was intended to meet Quebec's conditions for embracing the Constitution, patriated in 1982 over the objections of the province's then-separatist government. Among other things, it would have constitutionally recognized Quebec as a "distinct society." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Small plane crashes into frigid reservoir

SW Colorado. Plane was carrying five people and all are feared dead in the weekend crash

A small plane believed to be carrying five people crashed into a reservoir in southwestern Colorado and authorities say all are feared dead.

The single-engine Socata TBM700 was flying from Bartlesville, Okla., to Montrose, about 289 kilometres southwest of Denver, when it went down Saturday, Ouray County spokeswoman Marti Whitmore said.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said the crash occurred just before 2 p.m., but he didn't yet know its cause.

Rescue efforts started in the afternoon and were suspended shortly after sundown until Sunday morning, Whitmore said.

Whitmore said no one is believed to have survived, but no victims have been recovered.

She said the aircraft crashed in Ridgway Reservoir, about 40 kilometres south of Montrose. It went down about 27 metres from shore in 18 to 27 metres of water.

The identities of the occupants were being withheld until relatives could be notified.

The plane is registered to an Alabama corporation. Messages left for the company Saturday evening weren't immediately returned.

Whitmore said recovery work continued Sunday. The Ouray County sheriff's office said a dive team and additional resources were expected to take part.

Colorado State Parks has closed a nearby campground and day facilities, pending completion of the recovery efforts.

The crash occurred several weeks after three people died when a plane crashed after taking off from Telluride airport.

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It's all Greek to Mayor Ford

Controversial Toronto Mayor Rob Ford poses for selfies with fans at the Greek Independence Day parade on Danforth Avenue in Toronto on Sunday. Ford remains very popular with all sorts of fans who want to be photographed with this world-famous public servant. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois visits Sainte-Angèle-de-Prémont, Que., on Day 19 of the Quebec provincial election campaign on Sunday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

PQ: 'We don't want this election stolen by people from Ontario'

Provincial politics. Party's concerns have arisen after reports of non-francophones from outside Quebec trying to vote on April 7

The Parti Québécois says it's worried students from Ontario and the rest of Canada are trying to steal the provincial election.

The PQ called a news conference on Sunday morning in order to express concern about media reports of English-speakers and other non-francophones from outside of the province trying to vote in the April 7 election.

PQ candidate Bertrand St-Arnaud wants the province's chief electoral officer to closely examine attempts to register to vote.

"We don't want this election stolen by people from Ontario and the rest of Canada," St-Arnaud said.

Another PQ candidate, former student leader Leo Bureau-Blouin, added he wants to ensure the election is decided by Quebecers.

"We want to make sure that it's Quebecers who choose their government and we want to make sure that the chief electoral officer takes the measures that are needed," he said.

"We are concerned by the fact that many, many people who are not registered on the list want to be registered."

St-Arnaud said he found a report in Sunday's Journal de Montreal particularly troubling. It described an attempt by "hundreds of Ontario students" to vote against the Parti Québécois' leader Pauline Marois.

Quebec's chief electoral officer issued a statement on Saturday clarifying the rules.

Spokesman Denis Dion said voters must be Canadian citizens and have lived in Quebec for six months, and have the intention of making Quebec their home.

He said officials also take into account other evidence, such as proof of a bank account in a Quebec institution, a Quebec health insurance card or driver's licence, or a Quebec income tax return.

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Voter-registration concerns

The PQ's comments come after the head of an electoral office for a Montreal riding resigned over concerns about the registration process.

- Mathieu Vandal told Montreal's Le Devoir newspaper there had been an increase in the number of non-francophones trying to register and he wasn't confident voters were being properly screened.
- Some students have complained they were turned away even though they believed they had the necessary documentation.

Criminologist to track trolls with language

It's the crime of the future, but it's not against the law — yet.

Sometimes it seems like trolls are everywhere online, using bullying or shock tactics to try to get a reaction from people. But one criminologist thinks he can help stop them, and his plan is a global first.

Western University's Mike Arntfield has gained federal funding to study the trolls' language. He has research assistants collecting text samples from social media, with the eventual aim of drawing up a "lexicon" of the way trolls talk.

And, just like criminal profiling allows experts to predict the behaviour of killers and other violent offenders, that lexicon could provide signposts that show when trolls are about to do something more sinister.

Criminologist Mike Arntfield METRO

"I'm surprised to some extent that I'm the first scholar to study this using (social media posts)," said Arntfield, who is also studying the relationship between online bullies and their victims. The reaction from victims can be a variable in how a bully behaves.

"It's all uncharted territory in studying cyberbullying," said Arntfield, who also leads the OWN TV show To Catch a Killer.

He says "lexical choices" could be tracked, then used as "linguistic clues" in predicting how a person behaves in the future.

There may even be similarities between trolls who are otherwise from different age groups or places; Arntfield says it's possible there is an "online bullying creole" of recurring words in posts and screen names that can flag a troll.

But why study this, if it's not against the law? Because one day it might be, Arntfield explained. He predicted a time when legislation is drawn up to criminalize online bullying, which has already driven some people to suicide, and to do that it needs to be defined.

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Four Paws for the cause

This photo, taken on March 12 and released by the animal-welfare organization Four Paws, shows manager of the bear sanctuary Afrim Mahmuti holding a six-week-old brown bear cub named Ema. The sanctuary is located in the Kosovo village of Mramor, where animal activists say three cubs have been rescued from captivity. They were found at two separate homes last week in the western town of Peja and are believed to be from the same mother. No arrests have been made. FOUR PAWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lotto lull

Agencies want the lottery to go viral

Millennials aren't buying lottery tickets as much as their parents do, so provincial lottery agencies are trying to develop a new national lottery aimed at people under 35.

A spokeswoman for the Western Canada Lottery Corp. said "the kinds of games we're offering … are not necessarily as appealing to today's younger adults."

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The Holy 'C'

Cocaine seized on its way to Vatican

The haul was unremarkable, but the destination raised eyebrows, as German officials intercepted a shipment of cocaine destined for the Vatican in January.

Officers at Leipzig airport found 340 grams packed into condoms inside a shipment of cushions coming from South America. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia. Avalanche kills two women skiing at site used for Sochi Games

An avalanche killed two skiers on Sunday at the Russian mountain resort used for the Sochi Olympics. The resort had just reopened to the public on Saturday.

Six skiers were on the middle section of Labirint run when the avalanche struck, Roza Khutor said in a statement. The snow buried two women, and rescuers who dug them out were unable to save them, it said, while the four other skiers escaped unharmed. Rossiya television reported earlier that three people were killed. Officials were working to determine the cause. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newly opened to public

Roza Khutor was the site of the alpine skiing competitions during the Winter Games in February and the Paralympics that followed. The resort reopened to the public on Saturday.

Turkey

Getting tough with Twitter

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has confirmed that he gave the orders to shut down Twitter in Turkey.

At a campaign event in Istanbul Sunday ahead of March 30 municipal elections, Erdogan said he had given the order because Twitter was not obeying Turkey's laws. Erdogan said Twitter was applying double standards, shutting down accounts when the U.S. or the U.K. demand it, but defending freedom when Turkey, Ukraine or Egypt have concerns. "This isn't a banana republic!" he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many unaccounted for in deadly U.S. mudslide

Washington State. At least four are dead, another 18 missing in scene of devastation; debris brought down the Stillaguamish River

A fatal mudslide brought debris down the Stillaguamish River near Oso, Wash., Saturday. GENNA MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

About 18 people are still unaccounted for after a massive mudslide in rural northwest Washington state killed at least four people and forced evacuations because of fears of flooding, authorities said Sunday.

Snohomish County Fire District 21 Chief Travis Hots said at a news briefing that "we suspect that people are out there, but it's far too dangerous to get responders out there on that mudflow."

Searchers in helicopters will be flying over the area of the 2.6-square-kilometre mudslide Sunday to find people who may have been able to get out on their own, as well as look for other signs of life. Authorities are trying to determine how to get responders on the ground safely, Hots said, describing mudflow as "like quicksand."

The big wall of mud and debris blocked about 1.6 kilometres of State Route 530 near the town of Oso, about 90 kilometres north of Seattle. It was reported about 18 metres deep in some areas. Several, including an infant, were critically injured; about 30 houses were destroyed. The mud was so deep searchers turned back at one point, despite hearing voices asking for help. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Michelle Obama wins kudos for style, warmth on tour of China

Promoting education. U.S. first lady speaks about freedom of speech, but doesn't call out Beijing directly

U.S. first lady Michelle Obama shares a light moment with her daughters Malia, front, and Sasha as they visit the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China in Beijing on Sunday. ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. first lady Michelle Obama brought the importance of education to the foreground on Sunday on the third day of a visit to China, where she has won praise for her approachability and admiration for her comments supporting freedom of speech.

Mrs. Obama, travelling with her two daughters, has been photographed at famous spots including the Forbidden City and Great Wall during the first independent trip by a U.S. president's wife to China. She has won compliments for her elegant clothing and her interactions with ordinary people in a country where it is rare to see leaders' spouses or children in public.

"She is very warm and frank, and when she is talking to people she conscientiously listens to what they have to say," said Wu Qing, a retired professor of Beijing Foreign Studies University who met Mrs. Obama on Sunday.

The purpose of Mrs. Obama's week-long visit is to promote educational exchanges between the U.S. and China. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Contentious issue

Universal rights

Mrs. Obama did bring up a contentious issue Saturday in a 15-minute speech at a university.

She said that freedom of speech and unfettered access to information make countries stronger and should be universal rights. But she did not call out Beijing directly in her speech at Peking University's Stanford Center.

China has some of the world's tightest restrictions on the Internet, and Mrs. Obama's comments were absent Sunday from state media but circulated in social media, where they were widely praised.

A policeman fires tear gas at anti-government protesters during clashes in Caracas, Venezuela, on Saturday.
ESTEBAN FELIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weekend protest leaves 3 dead

Venezuela. Violence didn't deter thousands of anti-government activists from marching

Three more people died from Venezuela's political unrest as both supporters and opponents of President Nicolas Maduro took to the streets in new shows of force Saturday.

A man identified as Jesus Orlando Labrador was killed by a gunshot in the chest Saturday in the southwestern city of Merida, Mayor Carlos Garcia told The Associated Press. He said it happened when a suspected group of hard-line government supporters began shooting at anti-Maduro activists after a peaceful protest march.

Another victim, Argenis Hernandez, was shot in the stomach Friday by an angry motorist as he and other protesters manned a barricade on a highway outside Valencia, Venezuela's third-largest city and a major focal point of protests against Maduro. He died at a hospital before dawn Saturday, local officials said.

In San Cristobal, the city where the wave of unrest began, bus driver Wilfredo Rey was mortally wounded Friday night after a group of Maduro supporters roared into an anti-government neighbourhood on motorcycles and began firing indiscriminately, said Sergio Vergara, who has headed the local government since Mayor Daniel Ceballos, an outspoken critic of the president, was arrested last week on charges of fomenting violence.

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Excessive force?

Venezuela's attorney general said Sunday some security force members have committed "excesses" in dealing with anti-government protesters, but insists most officers are following the law.

Imagine no possessions

Lennon's papers on auction block

A collection of John Lennon's drawings and manuscripts is going up for auction.

The "You Might Well Arsk" sale of the late Beatles' material is scheduled to take place June 4 in New York, Sotheby's said.

The items are being put up for sale by Tom Maschler, who had worked with Lennon on In His Own Write and A Spaniard in the Works. Lennon wrote the books and created the drawings for them in the 1960s.

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Oscar Pistorius. Evidence that Steenkamp screamed before death presented

Prosecutors at Oscar Pistorius' murder trial have presented a "golden thread" of evidence suggesting Reeva Steenkamp screamed before she died, leaving the double-amputee athlete with "serious questions" to answer and his defence likely hinging on his own testimony, a legal expert in South Africa said.

Three neighbours say they heard a woman scream before and during the deadly gunshots coming from Pistorius' home in the early hours of Valentine's Day last year. The pathologist who performed the autopsy on Steenkamp's body said it would have been "abnormal" for her not to scream from some of her injuries.

A police ballistics expert concluded that the first shot Pistorius fired through a toilet door hit Steenkamp in the hip and caused her to collapse, but didn't immediately kill her. The second shot missed. From the policeman's testimony, Steenkamp likely had time to yell out before she was hit by two more shots as she covered her head with her arms in a desperate attempt to protect herself.

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Data shows possible flight debris in same search zone

Malaysia Airlines.
French images show 'potential objects' in area previously flagged by Australia, China

Cyclists hold a banner as they take a moment of silence during the Ride of Prayer for missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 outside the departure hall of Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang, Malaysia, Sunday. JOSHUA PAUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France provided new satellite data Sunday showing possible debris from the missing Malaysia Airlines jet, as searchers combing a remote part of the southern Indian Ocean tried without success to locate a pallet that could be a key clue in solving one of the world's biggest aviation mysteries.

The new information given to Malaysia's government and forwarded to searchers in Australia shows "potential objects" in the same part of the ocean where satellite images previously released by Australia and China showed objects that could be debris from the plane, Malaysia's Ministry of Transport said in a statement without providing further details.

Flight 370 went missing over the Gulf of Thailand on March 8 with 239 people aboard en route from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing, setting off a multinational search effort that has turned up nothing conclusive so far on what happened to the jet.

Sunday's search was frustrating because "there was cloud down to the surface and at times we were completely enclosed by cloud," Royal Australian Air Force Flight Lt. Russell Adams told reporters. He said nothing of interest to searchers was found.

Details on the French data were not immediately released. The statement from Malaysia called the information "new satellite images," while a statement from France's Foreign Ministry said "radar echoes taken by a satellite" had located floating debris but made no mention of imagery.

Pallet problem

The new information emerged as authorities co-ordinating the search sent planes and a ship to try to "re-find" a wooden pallet that appeared to be surrounded by straps of varying lengths and colours.

- It was spotted Saturday by spotters in a search plane, but no images of it were captured and a military plane dispatched to locate the pallet could not find it.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority, which is leading the search in waters off Australia, declined to offer details about the information from France. But a Malaysian official involved in the search mission said the French data consisted of radar echoes captured Friday and converted into fuzzy images that located objects about 930 kilometres north of the spots where the objects in the images released by Australia and China were located. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine

President calls for release of 'abducted' commander

A Ukrainian air force commander is being held after his base in Crimea was stormed by pro-Russian forces, and the acting president called for his release Sunday.

Col. Yuliy Mamchur is the commander of the Belbek Air Force base near Sevastopol, which was taken over Saturday by forces who sent armoured personnel carriers smashing through the base's walls and fired shots and stun grenades. One Ukrainian serviceman was reported wounded in the clash.

It was unclear if the forces, who didn't bear insignia, were Russian military or local pro-Russia militia.

Ukraine President Oleksandr Turchynov, in a statement, said Mamchur was "abducted" by the forces. He didn't specify where Mamchur is believed to be held.

However, prominent politician Vitali Klitschko said Sunday that Mamchur is being held by the Russian military in a jail in Sevastopol, the Crimean city that is the base of Russia's Black Sea Fleet.

Russia formally annexed Crimea last week, a move that Western countries say is illegitimate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Imprisoned journo allowed hospital visit

On the weekend before his trial was set to resume, an Egyptian-Canadian journalist imprisoned in Cairo was allowed a hospital visit for a badly injured shoulder after the country's interim president assured his family he would receive proper medical care.

Mohamed Fahmy's family expressed cautious optimism at the phone call they received three days ago from President Adly Mansour's office, which came in response to a letter they had penned weeks earlier asking for the journalist's release.

They noted, however, that no mention was made of the actual case against Fahmy or the "ridiculous" charges he faces.

"They did not open the topic of the case at all," Fahmy's brother Adel said on Sunday.

"I don't know how much indication that call may have. We're focused more on the case."

The president's office went further in a letter sent earlier to the parents of an Australian journalist arrested alongside Fahmy.

In his note to Peter Greste's parents, the Egyptian president said he would "spare no effort to work towards the speedy resolution of the case, in a fashion consistent with the law."

Fahmy, Greste and their Egyptian colleague Baher Mohamed were arrested on Dec. 29 while working for satellite news broadcaster Al-Jazeera English.

They are being tried as part of a group of 20 individuals who authorities say worked for the Al Jazeera network and allegedly threatened national security. At least 12 of those charged are being tried in absentia.

Authorities accuse Al-Jazeera of being a platform for ousted Islamist president Mohammed Morsi's supporters and his Muslim Brotherhood group. The network denies that and says the journalists were just doing their jobs.

Fahmy and his two co-workers have pleaded not guilty at their trial, which marks the first time Egypt has prosecuted journalists on terrorism-related charges.

Their case — being heard amidst an extensive crackdown on some secular dissidents and Brotherhood supporters — will be back in a Cairo court on Monday, where Fahmy's family hopes progress will be made.

"It's a matter of convincing the judge that these people are obviously innocent," said Fahmy's brother. "They're objective journalists, they have nothing to do with terrorism or terrorist groups."

Monday's session is expected to deal with the contents of equipment seized from the three journalists, which forms a key part of the case, Fahmy's brother said.

Security officials have accused the journalists of having unlicensed equipment and setting up a media centre for the Brotherhood. They're also accused of fabricating footage to show the country in a state of civil strife, harming its reputation.

Ahead of the court proceeding Fahmy was taken to a civilian hospital under heavy guard this weekend for an MRI and a CT scan on a shoulder he fractured before his arrest.

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"He's really hoping that this crisis will end soon because it's really taking its toll. They're now approaching three months in such harsh conditions."
Adel Fahmy, imprisoned journalist Mohamed Fahmy's brother

Outbreak

Ebola confirmed in Guinea

Samples from victims of a viral hemorrhagic fever that has killed more than 50 people in Guinea have tested positive for the Ebola virus, government officials said Sunday, marking the first time an outbreak among humans has been detected in this West African nation.

Government spokesman Damantang Albert Camara said the virus was found in tests conducted at a laboratory in Lyon, France.

A Health Ministry statement on Saturday said 80 cases including 59 deaths had been reported, most of them in three southern prefectures near neighbouring Sierra Leone and Liberia.

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Shot dog, human skull: Detroit farm project reveals rough past

Community restoration. The venture will bring an orchard, hopefully higher property values and lower crime

Michael Score, president of Hantz Farms, stands on the site of a planned farm in inner-city Detroit, on Friday.
ALEX PANETTA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stunning things are being discovered in an effort to clear land for a new farm in inner-city Detroit.

Last week, workers found a building — a crumbling brick-sided structure that was either a garage or a barn — and had been hidden by the wild brush that has sprouted in the east end of the economically suffering city.

Ask about the building, and they point to a dog. There it is, dead, with a bullet hole through its ribs. It appears to be a brown mastiff, sprawled out on the grass where it was found last Friday. It looks neatly groomed and is still wearing a collar.

Ask about the dead dog, and they'll tell you about the human skull they found last year.

Build a farm near crackhouses, and all bets are off about what stories the soil might tell. Like tales from the crypt of urban decline, each artifact is a reminder that this spot on the edge of the historically wealthy Indian Village neighbourhood is just another broken place now, one more decayed canopy in this town under which to open a drug den or quietly dump a body.

But one company sees potential here.

It envisions an urban success story, and maybe even a profit. It plans to replace the wild brush, and the burned-out and abandoned houses, with 15,000 trees next month. The oak and maple trees would be sold in stages, as saplings and then timber.

"People will talk about this as a place of beauty — a destination, a place where people learn about natural resources and enjoy festivals and other events outdoors," said Michael Score, president of Hantz Farms, during a tour of the site.

This is the biggest, but by no means the only, farming project in Detroit. There's far more empty space than there used to be, with the city losing two-thirds of its population over the last half-century.

Score says he figures 20 more projects like this would transform the city. He says some wealthy locals have already expressed an interest in replicating the plan spearheaded by his boss, financial-services multimillionaire John Hantz.

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Hantz Farms

The company plans to spend between $3 million and $5 million over the next few years buying property, knocking down 50 houses, paying land taxes and planting.

- It hopes to make a profit as the timber crop matures over 60 years.

Harper ready to get tough on Putin

Stephen Harper heads to emergency G7 talks on Monday as the only leader in attendance who's personally witnessed the turmoil in Ukraine, clearly keen to advocate a tougher stand against Russia amid the biggest European crisis since the Cold War.

The prime minister called for a "complete reversal" of Russia's recent actions in Crimea, including its formal annexation of the strategic Black Sea peninsula, during his six-hour visit to Kyiv on Saturday.

He also suggested Russia should be booted out of the G8 and warned that Russian President Vladimir Putin cannot be trusted.

Others are sounding similar alarm bells about Putin's actions — past, present and future.

"This is the most serious risk to European security we have seen so far in the 21st century," Britain's foreign minister, William Hague, wrote in an opinion piece for the Daily Telegraph newspaper on Sunday.

At the G7 summit, Harper is expected to warn his colleagues that Putin cannot be trusted to stop at Ukraine and that his actions will spur similar brazen territory grabs if they go unpunished.

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G7 talks

In The Hague on Monday, the G7 will hold a summit on the sidelines of the Nuclear Security Summit.

- The G7 summit is being held as thousands of Russian troops amass on the southeast border of Ukraine.

Sierra Leone

Mourners gather for funeral of former president

Thousands of mourners gathered in Sierra Leone's national stadium for the funeral of former President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, who oversaw the end of the country's civil war.

Current President Ernest Bai Koroma hailed Kabbah as "a great giant of democracy and peace" during Sunday's service.

Kabbah, who died March 13 at 82, became president in 1996. He was briefly ousted by a military coup before returning to power, stepping down in 2007 after serving two terms.

His supporters credit him with resisting the rebels during their 10-year terror campaign, and with helping to bring in the UN and British forces that crushed the rebels from 2000 on.

Koroma said Sunday's ceremony was also an opportunity to pay tribute to "Sierra Leoneans and international partners whose sacrifices made his presidency possible."

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The Far North turf war

Five countries lay claim to territory around the North Pole. Some of those claims conflict, while other countries, like China, want the Arctic to be deemed an international zone. So far, the Arctic has remained peaceful, but as countries scramble for resources, how long will that peace last?

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As polar ice melts away, rising temperatures are unlocking oil, trade routes and the potential for conflict in the Far North.

"It's the opening chapter of what's going to amount to be a very long story, and people are playing nice and working together — for now," says Robert Huebert, a University of Calgary professor and expert in circumpolar relations and defence policy.

Five countries claim territory around the North Pole: Canada, Russia, the United States (through Alaska), Norway and Denmark (through Greenland). Some claims conflict, while other countries like China want the Arctic to be deemed an international zone.

Polar ice has been steadily decreasing as high temperatures lead to longer summer melts. The U.S. Navy published a study last December suggesting summers in the Arctic could be ice-free as early as 2016, with regular shipping routes expected by 2030.

Meanwhile, 13 per cent of the world's undiscovered oil and a third of its untapped natural gas lies in the Arctic, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

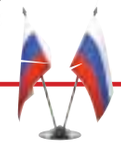
That leaves countries scrambling for resources and trade routes. Canada recently asserted a claim over the North Pole, following Russia and Denmark. The Arctic has remained peaceful, with each state respecting United Nations rules on international waters.

But co-operation broke down this month. Canada, the U.S. and Norway cancelled joint military operations with Russia following the country's invasion of Ukraine.

"This is going to cause a pushback on the side of the Russians, in the Arctic region specifically," Huebert says. "It contains two of the most powerful states in the international system that are increasingly having different interests."

Huebert noted that Russia's involvement in Crimea was partially a response to the Western military alliance NATO seeking closer ties with Ukraine. All other Arctic countries are NATO members. Huebert says further NATO expansion could lead to a Russian pushback, and Canada is not well equipped.

"As the Arctic is more and more integrated, you're going to see other events spilling into it."



Canada

Canada has a small Arctic military presence, with a training centre opened last year that only holds 150 soldiers. A Nunavut military base was announced in 2007, but construction has yet to start. "Canada's very good at plans, but not so much at execution," says Huebert.

The UN has led a decade-long process for countries to extend their borders over parts of the frozen Arctic if they can prove that seabed ridges extend from their mainland.

Last December, Canada was about to submit its claim when Prime Minister Stephen Harper asked researchers to include the North Pole. Experts aren't sure why the original claim didn't include the pole, which lies near a large oil patch.

The next day, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced his country would expand its already large military presence.

Michael Byers, an Arctic expert and professor at the University of British Columbia, says Canadians have little to worry about.

"There is no immediate reason for concern, and no reason to change Canadian Arctic policy — which focuses heavily on co-operation."

Russia

Russia has claimed a large portion of the Arctic, including the North Pole. The government expects the Arctic to be Russia's primary resource base by 2020.

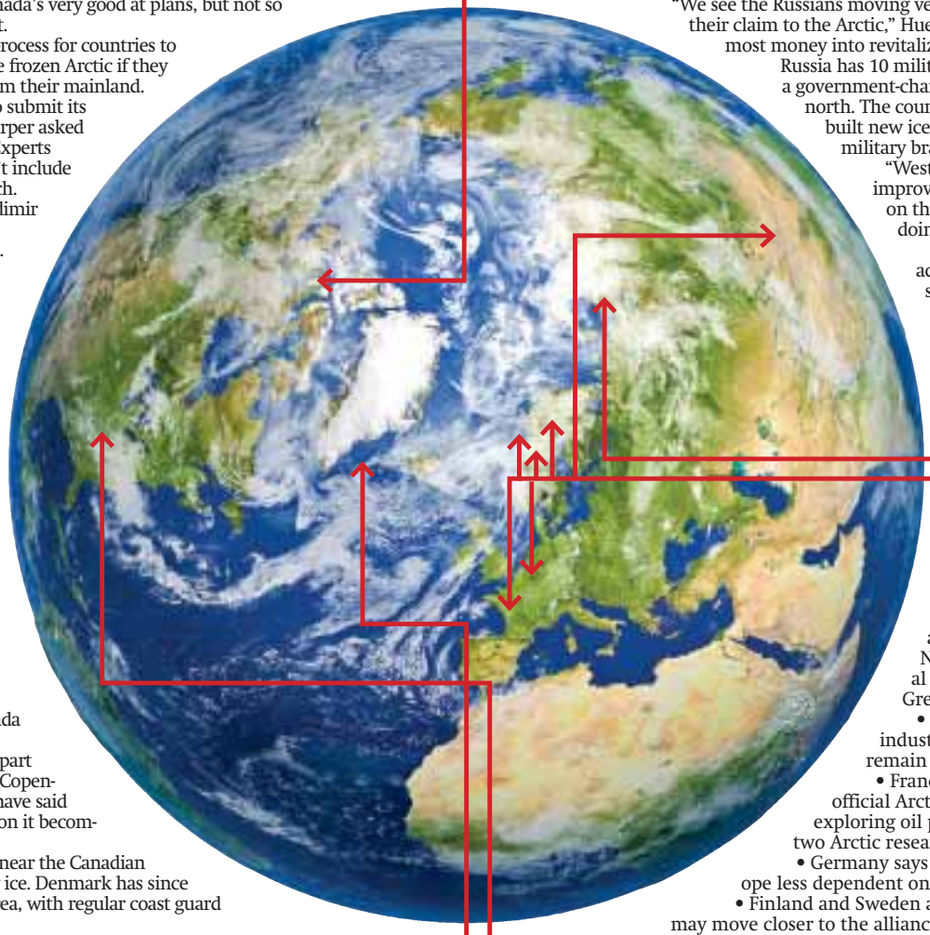
"We see the Russians moving very strongly on supporting and increasing their claim to the Arctic," Huebert says. "They're the ones who put the most money into revitalizing their military capabilities."

Russia has 10 military bases along the Northern Sea Route, a government-charted trade route spanning Russia's entire north. The country has modernized its submarine fleets, built new icebreakers and is considering a separate military branch solely for protecting the Arctic.

"Western countries are doing something to improve their military capabilities, but it's not on the same scale as what the Russians are doing," he says.

Huebert says that Russia will probably act belligerently toward other countries, such as by flying planes into other countries' airspaces, but would likely not invade other countries.

"You won't see direct military action per se, unless something really goes bad somewhere else," he says.



Denmark

Denmark is claiming an area that includes the North Pole. It also claims islands that Canada has previously claimed.

In 2005, Denmark occupied Hans Island, an unpopulated island on the border of both countries. Most analysts interpret this as a test of how well Canada defends its claims.

Greenland remains an autonomous part of Denmark that receives billions from Copenhagen each year. Danish governments have said that Greenland's independence hinges on it becoming economically self-sufficient.

In 2010, a large oil patch was found near the Canadian border in an area previously covered by ice. Denmark has since increased its military presence in the area, with regular coast guard and air patrols.

The largest estimated Arctic oil deposit lies just east of Greenland, near Iceland. "The Danes are wondering if they can get any of this oil lying offshore," says Huebert. "They're also looking at how China's ingratiated itself with Greenland and Iceland." The Chinese government has invested in mining and oil exploration in both countries.

Others

- Norway has made a claim to an area also claimed by Russia, which includes some oil reserves.
- The United States hasn't made any territory claims. The U.S. wants the Northwest Passage to be an international trade route. It has a military base in Greenland and a large submarine fleet.
- China has invested heavily in Arctic industry projects and wants the zone to remain neutral.
- France is the only non-Arctic state with an official Arctic ambassador. French companies are exploring oil projects in the Arctic, and France runs two Arctic research bases.
- Germany says an Arctic trade route could make Europe less dependent on Russian gas.
- Finland and Sweden are not part of NATO; Huebert says they may move closer to the alliance if Russia further invades Ukraine. This would further encircle Russia and likely provoke military action.

Report. Canada's border guards waiving fees for cross-border shoppers

Canada's border guards routinely waive taxes and duties on goods bought by travellers in the U.S., says a briefing note for the prime minister.

The acknowledgment supports the suspicions of retailers that the Canada Border Services Agency is too lenient with cross-border shoppers, costing the economy millions of dollars in domestic sales.

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Canadian border guards in Surrey, B.C., in 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Ashley Madison. Adultery website countersues ex-staffer

A dating website for married people seeking affairs has slapped an ex-employee with a countersuit after she accused the company of making her type up hundreds of fake profiles of sexy women.

Ashley Madison is countersuing Doriana Silva on allegations she kept confidential documents, including copies of her "work product and training materials."

The countersuit is filed by Ashley Madison's parent company, Avid Life Media, and seeks to recover the documents as well as $100,000 in damages plus legal costs.

In her statement of defence, Silva says she held on to copies of the fake profiles she created and documents "related to the creation" of those profiles, but denies they are the property of her former employer.

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PR firm claims

Designer L'Wren Scott's company was not collapsing

A public relations firm that focuses on the fashion and beauty industries is denying reports that fashion designer L'Wren Scott's company was on the verge of shutting down.

The 49-year-old longtime girlfriend of Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger was found dead in her Manhattan apartment Monday. Authorities say she committed suicide.

New York-based PR Consulting says in a statement Friday that Scott was considering restructuring her global business, LS Fashion Ltd.

The firm says that while some areas of the business had not yet reached their potential, other parts were successful. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The circle of life

A cow cleans her newborn calf on the O'Connor Ranch near Philip, S.D., last week. Rancher Chuck O'Connor brought in about 200 females to rebuild his herd, which suffered losses in an unexpected blizzard last fall. The two-day October storm, which first brought rain and then dumped up to four feet of snow in some places, killed more than 40,000 cattle, sheep and horses. With the new cows and the arrival of the spring calving season, O'Connor estimates his herd will grow to around 500 in May. TOBY BRUSSEAU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Have a strong tummy?

Then invest in social media. Betting on trendy stocks from Twitter to Facebook is not for the faint of heart

HOW TO ROLL
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The share price of Groupon, the coupon website, is plummeting. Oops, no it isn't. Wait a minute, yes it is! Groupon (GRPN) share prices dropped 75 per cent in 2012, gained 129 per cent in 2013, and have lost 26 per cent so far this year. That wild stock price ride pretty much sums up the experience of investing in social media. In a word, exciting — but not always in a good way.

Social media is one of the trickiest sectors for investors. Most measures for evaluating stocks, such as the price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio, are useless when applied to these Internet-focused companies.

And social media stocks are anything but lemming-like. In fact, at any given time there can be tremendous divergence in stock price direction with some heading north and others heading south, regardless of what's going on in the economy.

Also, the social media universe isn't just out-there tech stocks. Facebook has recently been added to the S&P 100 and 500 indices, signaling the maturing of the sector.

It can be fun to take a flyer at social media IPO's. Those who jumped into Twitter back in November saw the stock soar from the $26 US offering to over $54 US in just three months. But a safer option is to buy an entire index of social media stocks.

The Global X Social Media Index ETF (SOCL on NASDAQ) tracks the 27 stocks that make up the Solactive Social Media Index, which has recently traded in the $27 US a share range. All the major names are there, from Twitter and Facebook to Angie's List, Xing and Zynga. With a management fee of .65 per cent, the cost is higher than most other ETFs but still far lower than an equivalent mutual fund.

The downside to this ETF is that you won't get any of the micro or small companies that may well become tomorrow's Twitter. So far there isn't an ETF for this group, many of which aren't yet listed on NASDAQ.

Social media investing rules

1. Limit exposure to a small percentage of your portfolio.
2. If the loonie strengthens, it can wipe out price gains. If it falls, the reverse is true.
3. Don't double dip by purchasing mutual funds or other ETFs that hold some of the same stocks.

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PROPOSED BYLAW MAKES A RACKET

URBAN COMPASS

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Saskatoon's city hall is proposing a bylaw that would curb the din of motorcycles with new methods to target excessively loud vehicles. But some say the move would set a double standard.

While the proposal is aimed at cracking down on all noisy vehicles, at question is why decibel limits between 92 and 100 would specifically apply to motorcycles. The city says it's because there are national standards and decibel testing methods for motorcycles, but not for other kinds of vehicles.

More than a dozen members of Saskatoon's 3rd Canadian Army Veteran Motorcycle Unit listened to a recent debate on the issue in council chambers.

"You're hearing sirens, you're hearing fireworks, you're hearing all kinds of other noises going on. What makes motorcycles more offensive?" asked Neil Nemeth of the unit.

"It's a city," Nemeth added. "You're going to have noise. If you want complete silence, move to an acreage."

In Regina, it goes against a noise abatement bylaw to create any ruckus between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. — with the exception of the sounds of emergency vehicles, snow removal machines and church bells. So, at 7:01 a.m. on a Sunday, apparently it's fine to be jolted from your sleep when a motorcycle is obnoxiously revved up.

It's a precedent-setting ruling in 2010 that should have others paying closer attention.

The Edmonton Police Commission passed a bylaw amendment that allows officers to issue tickets if motorcycles are louder than 92 decibels when idling. The restriction is the first of its kind in Canada, and Winnipeg has shown interest in adopting it.

After pulling over a motorcycle, an officer would be able to measure its sound with a hand-held recorder.

While lower sound levels might be good for residents in general, some motorcycle enthusiasts are less than pleased.

Motorcyclists don't like the law, and have moved a motorcycle charity run out of Edmonton into towns without such noise bylaws.

All municipal councils owe it to their constituents to ensure their neighbourhoods are peaceful and quiet. As Regina's council works to entice more people downtown, it needs tighter restrictions on retrofitted motorbikes. And Saskatoon needs to continue its work.

Canadian mayors must then agree on a unified resolution to create a nationwide standard.

The abrupt revving of these vehicles simply demonstrates a lack of respect for those nearby who have no interest in hearing that racket.

Perhaps it's the motorcyclists themselves who should move to the acreages.

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ZOOM

Motor City's recovering

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Efforts focused on city's youth

Javon Jones, centre, performs with other members of the Mosaic Youth Theater in Detroit. Several privately run youth organizations provide an array of extracurricular options for high school kids. Roughly 165 young people engage in Mosaic's main programs each year — most from low- and moderate-income Detroit families.

Teachers and parents are fighting to do right by the children, and many believe Detroit is finally on the rise after hitting bottom. Yet they worry about the toll of growing up amid danger, dysfunction and the blight epitomized by tens of thousands of abandoned homes.

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Post-bankruptcy

"This is what we're ingraining into kids' psyches — this emptiness, the lack of safety.... They're going into school with a level of fear that something bad is going to happen."

Tonya Allen, CEO of the Skillman Foundation, which backs child-oriented initiatives

Adding it all up

88

Eighty-eight vacant school buildings are for sale — some of the 200 schools closed in recent years due to depopulation. High levels of gang violence and premature births combine to make the youth mortality rate the worst of any major U.S. city, according to a recent analysis by the Detroit News. Most of the city's 300 parks are unusable, overgrown wastelands.

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Twitter celebrated its eighth birthday last week by opening its vaults and letting users rediscover their first tweet. The results ranged from bland to hilarious, but taken in aggregate they illustrated how people were unsure just what Twitter was, or even how to use it, when it launched. If you haven't already, here's how you can view your first tweet, and a few other services that let you play around with your Twitter data.

Discover:
Discover your inaugural tweet — and everyone else's — at discover.twitter.com/first-tweet.

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Twitter

@metropicks tweeted:
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@PlainSJ: Ha! I didn't even know what twitter was when I joined back in '07, but I had it pegged! "@PlainSJ: Wasting time..."

@KellyOlivePR: #FirstTweet was 5 days after moving to #Toronto! "@KellyOlivePR: @ work...and loving being in Toronto"

@MattProsser: "@MattProsser: Chillin"

@Harl3yQ: I found this #FirstTweet: @Harl3yQ: Which side of the toaster oven should the keurig go on #firstworldproblems"

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If you can't give your teacher the right answer, at least make them laugh. This collection of high school howlers compiled by Summersdale Publishers (under the pseudonym Richard Benson) captures the feel of a school workbook with doodles, lined paper, and hand-written, wisecracking answers. Most are silly, some are hilarious, and there are a few math equations that are downright clever

Box office

Teen sci-fi flick Divergent beats out Muppets sequel

The teen science-fiction franchise Divergent debuted with $56 million US at the weekend box office in one of the year's biggest openings, but didn't reach the heights of Lionsgate's other teen franchise, The Hunger Games, which debuted with $152.5 million in 2012. Disney's Muppets sequel Muppets Most Wanted fared poorly, earning $16.5 million over the weekend.

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Lost star takes danger in stride in adventure series

Born to be wild. Dominic Monaghan has had some close calls while filming the world's most dangerous creatures

Dominic Monaghan searches out the weirdest and wildest animals he can find on his nature series. CONTRIBUTED

In the second season of Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan, it becomes abundantly clear why the show's motto is "the wilder the better." The show kicks off Tuesday with startling footage of a disoriented elephant that suddenly charges toward the show's hapless cameraman.

Monaghan says the terrifying encounter occurred after he and his crew had watched a veterinarian conduct emergency surgery on the massive beast. Moments after the doc administered an antidote to reverse the anesthetic, all hell broke loose.

"What we all assumed as a film crew was that the elephant was going to get up and give us a gentle nod in our direction and say 'Thank you,' and walk off into the African sunset," Monaghan said in a recent interview in Toronto.

"But instead it woke up and was confused and didn't know what had happened and saw a bunch of humans standing around it. And the closest person to the elephant was Frank, our cameraman — he had a big camera on his shoulder so he was very conspicuous — and the elephant tried to kill him."

Such is life in the wild.

Looking back now, it's clear Monaghan and even his seasoned Kenyan guides underestimated the peril they were in.

As everyone made a beeline for the cars, Monaghan says he and his crew were too late.

"They just drove off. They left us," he says, able to make light of the situation now.

"When (Frank) saw the cars drive off he was like, 'Oh no,' and then his balance went and then he fell over. But it worked for me because I thought, 'Well, if Frank fell over that means that I'll be OK because he's much slower than I am.'"

Luckily, their medic jumped in to distract the elephant, which eventually lost interest and wandered off. No one was hurt, says Monaghan.

The elephant tale isn't even the focus of the Season 2 premiere, which begins with Monaghan intent on finding the aggressive giant spitting cobra.

Other episodes see The Lord of the Rings actor head to Brazil, Zambia, Thailand, Japan, New Zealand and Australia to get a good look at creatures including carnivorous ghost bats, the world's longest-fanged snake and a deep sea creature considered one of the ocean's most poisonous predators.

And there are more dicey encounters. Monaghan says he needed nearly 40 stitches in his arm for another animal run-in that will be revealed in later episodes.

Nevertheless, Monaghan says he and his crew are extremely careful. A medic travels with them and carries anti-venom and other treatments, and they always know where the closest hospital is — although sometimes it can be a day away, Monaghan admits.

"We're as safe as we can be. In a show and a world that can sometimes be dangerous." THE CANADIAN PRESS

When to watch

- Season 2 of Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan airs Tuesday on OLN.

David Bradley's Lord Frey in the infamous Red Wedding scene in Game of Thrones. CONTRIBUTED

David Bradley doesn't mind playing the villain

Nice day for a red wedding. Actor moves on from killing kings to vampires in new series

Even in Toronto, British actor David Bradley gets accosted for being the world's worst wedding host in Game of Thrones.

Bradley plays Lord Walder Frey in the HBO fantasy series. At the end of Season 3, he most infamously had his guests, members of the Stark clan, slain. The new season starts April 6.

"I was shooting a scene in the Toronto subway recently and one of the extras came up to me and said, 'I'd like to thank you for what you did to the Starks,' " says Bradley with a smile. "It's the first time I've had a positive reaction. Normally people are at their TV hurling abuse at me. But I must confess, I really did enjoy that scene. Maybe a little too much."

Quoted

"Normally people are at their TV hurling abuse at me. But I must confess, I really did enjoy that scene. Maybe a little too much."

David Bradley, who plays Lord Frey on Game of Thrones
on filming the Red Wedding scene

The actor was in Toronto last week filming one of the most anticipated new TV shows of the season, Guillermo del Toro's The Strain. The vampire series is based on the books and comics created by the Mexican director.

In the series, Bradley plays professor Abraham Setrakian, a Holocaust survivor who runs a pawnshop in Harlem. He also happens to be a vampire hunter trying to save the world from the outbreak of a deadly virus.

"They just asked me if I could go to Canada in four days and I said yes. I'm a big fan of Guillermo," says Bradley, on set in an east-end Toronto studio.

It's a pretty physical role for Bradley, who was recently firing off nail guns at 3 a.m. in the cold Toronto winter.

"You do feel your age sometimes," he says. "But I've got heat pads in my shoes."

And while you would have thought from his Game of Thrones experience that he wouldn't have trouble decapitating foes, the 71-year-old actor says it's harder than it looks.

"It's quite a complicated process beheading someone. There's all that animatronics and so on," he says. "And the special effects are really something. You'll have a decapitated head with a blinking eye in a corner or something. It can be quite disconcerting."

Decapitating aside, after the Red Wedding, it may be hard for fans to see how any vampire can match the evil of Lord Frey, even one created by del Toro.

"He is a pretty wicked guy, but there are some pretty horrible people here, too," promises Bradley.

Moreover, these vampires are not meant to be sexy teen heartthrobs.

"It's not like Twilight. They are dirty and rough; it's not romantic or glamorous at all."

Bradley, meanwhile, has enjoyed a late career renaissance, with recurring roles in major science fiction and fantasy franchises such as Harry Potter, as Hogwarts caretaker Argus Filch, Game of Thrones and now The Strain. He also portrayed the first Doctor Who in the BBC biopic An Adventure in Space and Time and co-starred in the critically acclaimed crime drama Broadchurch.

"It's kind of like what they say about the London buses. You wait for hours and then four of them come all at once," he laughs. "It's kind of been like that lately."

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Upcoming

The Strain was filming the 10th of 13 episodes last week. It is expected to wrap by the end of April, with a release date later this summer.

Somehow, she just didn't see it coming

You Should Have Known. Jean Hanff Korelitz's latest novel is inspired by women who don't see trouble when it's right in front of them

EMILY LAURENCE
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Author Jean Hanff Korelitz's protagonists are often smart, independent women. CONTRIBUTED

Most people pride themselves on knowing when someone is lying. When we hear about former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer's outrageous illicit affairs or Bernie Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme, we look at their smart and stylish wives and think, "She must have known, right? How could she not have?" This "should have known" belief is the idea behind Jean Hanff Korelitz's latest novel.

The book's protagonist is Grace, a therapist living the life she's always wanted. Married to a sympathetic pediatric oncologist, she has an intelligent and respectful son and has just written a highly anticipated self-help book cautioning women to hear what men are telling them at the very beginning of a relationship. But when Grace's husband goes missing and she finds herself in the middle of a media frenzy, she's left wondering how she could have missed her own advice.

According to Korelitz, you'd be surprised how many smart women have their own "should have known" moment.

"The British publisher asked everyone who worked at the publishing company to submit their 'should have known' moments and I got to pick the winner," she says.

"These women are very, very smart. They're working for this great publisher, yet they all seem to have some story where you wanted to look at them and think, 'Really? Really?'"

The winner of the aforementioned contest was a woman who went on a first date with a guy who told her that he saw sexuality as free-flowing and not something you can put in a box.

"She dated him for years and, of course, he turned out to be gay," Korelitz muses.

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"Every single one of my novels starts with a woman who seems to have her s— together but is destroyed by the middle or end of the book."

Jean Hanff Korelitz, author

Like Korelitz's other novels — among them Admission — this one is about a smart, independent woman who isn't entirely likeable.

"Every single one of my novels starts with a woman who seems to have her s— together but is destroyed by the middle or end of the book," she says. "If this is an unconscious choice, it's so unconscious that it might as well be conscious. It's an overwhelming comparative, almost, to look at these women and basically take them apart and strip them down and see what's left."

In this novel, the principal character is a much different woman than the one you meet at the beginning of the book. You, too, just might be changed after finishing You Should Have Known — a little more discerning, a little more aware, and a little less critical of those wives the camera pans to during the next high-profile press conference.

Music purist Young's Pono system hit some sour notes along the way

High (cost) fidelity.
Rocker's quest to bring 'vinyl-quality sound' to MP3 masses may face uphill battle to succeed

Say what you will about Neil Young: he's blunt, he's mercurial, he doesn't "realize that there are other people involved in this world," as Graham Nash puts it in his recent autobiography.

But there's one adjective you couldn't imagine applying to him, at least not until he made his session at SXSW for his portable, high-fidelity music system, Pono: pitchman. As Torstar News Service observed from Austin, Young is on a quest to "bring vinyl-quality sound to a generation of music consumers accustomed to listening to thin MP3 files through laptop speakers and earbuds 'that look like lozenges.'"

For music lovers — especially music lovers of a certain age — it's a tantalizing promise: a chance to hear music like it used to sound, before those kids with their MP3s and iPhones and their insistence that music consumption be, above all else, convenient got their hands on it.

But watching the livestream of Young's extended infomercial, we began to get a sinking feeling, and here's why.

SXSW pitch

- In a roundabout way, Neil Young conceded to an audience at this year's SXSW that the Pono and its accompanying iTunes-esque delivery service might be strictly for the serious audiophile.
- But he touched a definite nerve with the crowd when he lamented that the rise of the MP3 and the one-off digital single had done irreparable damage to rock 'n' roll's veneration of the album as a sacred form.
- With Pono, he promised, "you get to feel not just what the artist intended you to feel" and — if the original recordings warrant it — it'll make your car or your headphones "sound like God."
- Young also managed to rally a list of rock royals that included Bruce Springsteen, Jack White, Dave Grohl, Arcade Fire, Duane Eddy and many others to provide a web video testimony of the system's power in a reel that ran midway through his SXSW session.

1. The product is aimed at out-of-home listening.
If we want vinyl-quality sound in our living room, we'll just play records. A decent turntable is relatively inexpensive, and — if you live in a city that's blessed with an abundance of used-record shops — you can still (as we did recently) stumble upon an original copy of Young's Harvest, complete with lyric sheet and grainy cover, for eight bucks. No portable format can beat that. And we don't know about you, but our car isn't equipped with the kind of speakers that can distinguish between 44.1 kHz/16 bit CD quality and 192/24 ultra-high resolution, especially when we're sitting amid the roar of rush hour traffic.

2. The players aren't cheap.
Once they hit stores, provisionally this fall, they'll sell for $399, and that doesn't include a pair of headphones decent enough to take advantage of the high-fidelity sound.

3. The music won't be cheap.
Albums will be $14.99 to $24.99, according to the FAQ at ponomusic.com. The price for single songs hasn't been set. Neither, apparently, has the cut Pono will take on music sales. Apple, for instance, gets 30 per cent off the top. At SXSW, that question was met with a response from CEO John Hamm (no, not that one) that was so evasive, even Young conceded he didn't provide an answer. And, as a couple of audience members at SXSW noted, a lot of us already own some music on record, cassette, CD and MP3. We don't want to buy it again.

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4. You can already buy the music in the same format and quality that the Pono music store will be selling in October.
As the SXSW presentation made explicit, Pono is not a new format. It plays FLAC (Free Lossless Audio Codec) files. Sites with extensive repertoires, such as hdtracks.com, already sell albums and tracks in the high and ultra-high resolution FLAC format. To be fair, Pono is using a unique digital filter; we'll have to wait until the fall to hear how much better it might sound.

5. Hippie values aside, part of us wishes that Young's system was aimed more at communal listening.
The pitch video focused on listening to Pono in your car, and Young also mentioned headphones, but both of those scenarios feel like an extension of Shuhei Hosokawa's famous The Walkman Effect. In other words, they encourage "self-enclosure." If you really long to go back to the way music used to be consumed, you might empathize with Jacques Attali's words in Noise: The Political Economy of Music. He calls music "a tool for the creation or consolidation of a community...." Pono doesn't really seem like it's built for that. Mind you, fans who have bought every piece of music Young has released have learned that his intentions aren't always plain on first listen. If Pono proves popular enough — and the fact that its Kickstarter campaign raised $2 million in one day is a promising sign — it could spark Apple into making its players, phones and tablets FLAC-compatible. That would be a win for everybody. And that we do get. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

After 18 years, chick lit is now all grown up

Author Jane Green IAN WARBURG

Back in 1997 when Jane Green released her first novel, Straight Talking, there was no such thing as chick lit. Green, along with a few other authors at the time, became the founding writers of what went on to become a billion dollar genre.

"Helen Fielding wrote Bridget Jones's Diary and Straight Talking came out three or four months later and there were a couple other books in England that came out around the same time," Green tells us.

"A newspaper ran a double-spread article about us and said we had created this new genre, chick lit. And that's really how it started."

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"I started to really look at female infidelity and in particular what happens to a woman in her 40s."

Jane Greene, author,
on what inspires her writing now

Green has made a career writing commercial women's fiction and is releasing her 15th book, Tempting Fate, on March 25. According to her, writing for women now is very different than it was 18 years ago.

"When I first started writing, [chick lit] was aspirational. You had these huge sexy, glitzy sagas about women who conquered the world. They weren't very real, but they were huge fun. I think what we did was introduce a genre that really held a mirror to women and held it with great honesty and humor," she says. "I don't think there was a genre of books where women were able to read and say, 'I've been there. That's exactly what my life is like.'" Her new novel is about infidelity and full of so many "what ifs?" and "then whats?" that it makes it impossible not to devour the book in just a few sittings.

As Green has gotten older, so have her characters. The principal character in Tempting Fate isn't a 20- or 30-something trying to figure out her relationship status; it's a woman in her 40s on the brink of a midlife crisis.

"My days of writing about women in their 20s and 30s are over," Green says.

"I've always drawn on my own life. … All the sudden in my 40s, I noticed a number of women who announced they'd been unhappy for years and unbearably it turned out these women were having affairs. I started to really look at female infidelity and in particular what happens to a woman in her 40s. Why am I seeing so many women being unfaithful? What is going on?"

Green is contractually obligated to release two books a year, so even though she is just now celebrating the release of Tempting Fate, her 16th book is already done and she's currently at work on the 17th.

"My next book is called Saving Grace and is about an older man married to a younger women. They take on an assistant who seems perfect in every way, but within a short period of time, she starts systematically destroying their lives," she reveals. Sounds just about right. **EMILY LAURENCE/METRO WORLD NEWS**

Darn that Internet! Even Pam is haunted by online sex videos

Pamela Anderson

Thanks to that pesky Internet, Pamela Anderson never got to have "the talk" with her teenage sons about her infamous sex tape with their dad, Tommy Lee. "I don't know if they've seen it, but they know about it," she tells Elle magazine about 17-year-old Brandon and 16-year-old Dylan. "They know about everything. Stupid Internet. I don't know why everyone is so impressed with it."

Selena Gomez

Taylor wishes Selena and Justin never ever got back together

Selena Gomez's reunion with Justin Bieber may have cost her a best friend, as Taylor Swift is reportedly drawing the line when it comes to the troubled Canadian pop star, according to Radar Online.

"Taylor may not have the best reputation with her dating life, but at least she doesn't keep going back to the same loser over and over again like Selena does," a source says.

"Taylor loves Selena and they get along super-well, but it's hard for her to watch her best friend keep going back to Justin when she knows it's the worst thing for her. She feels like maybe Selena needs tough love. She thinks Justin is disgusting and has basically told Selena she can't support their relationship and if she gets back with him their friendship will probably never be the same."

Lien on me: Lauryn Hill's tax troubles aren't going away anytime soon

Six months after finishing up a prison sentence for tax evasion, Lauryn Hill appears to be in trouble with the IRS once again, with the government agency hitting her with seven separate liens for unpaid taxes from 2005 through 2011 totalling more than $866,000 US, according to TMZ.

Last May, Hill was found guilty of failing to pay nearly $1 million, something she blamed on a long history of racial inequality.

"To me, it is obvious that the accumulation of generational trauma and abuse have created the very behaviours the system tries to punish by providing no sufficient outlets for the victims of institutional terror," she wrote in a lengthy blog post following her conviction.

Lauryn Hill

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Pop goes the week

Where does Gaga draw the line? At Katy comparisons

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Lady Gaga says she and Katy Perry "couldn't be more different." It's true. While they are both female superstar pop singers in their late 20s with a penchant for outrageous costumes, Gaga likes M&M's while Katy prefers Peanut M&M's.

Matthew McConaughey is reportedly not interested in repeating his role in the sequel to Magic Mike. Which proves the old trouser truth, "Get a fancy-pants Oscar, lose the chaps."

Jennifer Hudson quit her role as Weight Watchers ambassador. A job as high commissioner to the Exalted Republic of Nutrisystem suddenly became available.

According to Shakira, after she said in an interview that her boyfriend will not let her make music videos with men, he said to her, "Can you please shut your little mouth next time you're doing interviews — because you're making me sound terrible." Stay where you are, Shakira. We're sending the deprogramming unit for you now.

Bachelor participant Clare Crawley thinks being discarded by Juan Pablo was "a blessing in disguise." Sure, if the disguise is made of clear plastic.

Scientists revive a bit of moss that had been buried under ice for 1,500 years, making it the oldest living plant in the world. "Damn you," says Larry King.

Having previously demanded that M.I.A. pay a $1.5-million US fine for giving the finger at the Superbowl two years ago, the NFL now wants an additional $15.1 million in restitution. In less insane news, MIT researchers conclude that Avril Lavigne is the most famous Canadian of all time.

Simon Cowell reportedly paid $1.2 million for a jaguar. Seeing as we're talking about Simon Cowell, it's anyone's guess whether it's a car or a big, dangerous cat.

George Michael ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Straight talk from George: He's really not just holding out for the right woman

More than 15 years after coming out of the closet, George Michael admits that he had a particularly rough go of it following his revelation.

"For some strange reason, my gay life didn't get easier when I came out. Quite the opposite happened, really," he tells the BBC. "The press seemed to take some delight that I previously had a 'straight audience' and set about trying to destroy that. And I think some men were frustrated that their girlfriends wouldn't let go of the idea that George Michael just hadn't found the 'right girl.'"

They weren't alone, apparently, as the 50-year-old singer says "a lot of my extended family" still thinks he's holding out for the right woman.

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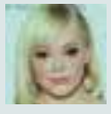

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"I wish there was a drive thru salad bar" overheard awesomeness. LA nights

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In my heart it's socially acceptable to politely ask "'scuse me sir, is that your wife or your daughter?"

@Steve-MartinToGo

Temperature fluctuating wildly between 80 and 81 requires constant maintenance of ice cubes in tea. Tiresome.

Trip coverage: That's the ticket

Medical travel insurance. When just one slip can be costly, plan is only way to go

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Don't bury your head in the sand; buying travel medical insurance is the smart thing to do. ISTOCK

My daughter told me she might be going on a trip with a girlfriend, whom we'll call Lily. When Alex told Lily that she'd want to be back by a particular date, Lily asked why. Alex said that her travel medical plan wouldn't cover her for longer than a 60-day trip. Lily announced that she never travels with medical insurance coverage.

I sighed. A lot of people don't. They're under the impression that if something bad happens to them while they're gallivanting around the world, they'll be covered by Canada's very generous health coverage.

No one expects to fall ill when travelling, though it happens all the time. Most things are quickly resolved. The bigger things come with hefty price tags and that's when we hear the story in the news. There's the story of the man who suffered a fall in Michigan and racked up $168,000 in medical bills. Or the couple who were in a car accident resulting in $325,000 in medical costs.

So do you have an extra $100K sitting around to take care of medical bills you might incur while travelling? Since provincial plans pay only a few hundred dollars a day for hospital coverage, you'd better. Or you could simply fork over some money for travel medical coverage. Would you rather spend $60 to $300 now (depending on the length of your coverage) or pony up hundreds of thousands of dollars later?

Even if you're heading to the U.S. for a day trip, insurance is a must-have. Your best bet if you cross the border frequently is to buy a plan that covers you for multiple trips. Coverage is usually provided for 12, 30 or 60 days with no limits on the number of trips in a 12-month period, so they're perfect for cross-border shoppers, business travellers or people who leave Canada more than once a year. Planning to be on the road more than 60 days? Single-trip plans can cover you for up to 183 days, perfect for those with a home away from home.

Some credit cards provide travel medical coverage. If you're a frequent traveller, the annual credit card fee is offset by the savings in not having to buy travel insurance privately. Keep in mind there may be specific restrictions.

Some people have travel medical coverage through their group benefits at work. Know what you're entitled to and whether you must put out the money and be reimbursed or can ask for direct billing to your insurance provider. And don't leave home without the telephone numbers and paperwork you will need if you do end up seeking medical treatment.

Even if you're leaving one province in Canada to travel to another, you should consider medical travel insurance. A victim of a polar bear attack got stuck with a $13,000 bill for an air ambulance to Winnipeg because she didn't have out-of-province coverage.

As for people who choose to visit you in Canada from another country, they aren't covered under our medical system. You'd best ensure you've got coverage for visitors in place if they are among the many who choose to travel without buying their own travel medical insurance.

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Shopping for coverage

Make sure when you buy your insurance that you correctly answer all those questions you're asked. Screw up even a little and you could find your claim denied. Here are some questions you might want to ask as you shop for coverage:

- **How long does the coverage last?** If the trip is extended, can you extend the coverage?
- **Are there restrictions or limitations on the policy?** (Think limitations due to substance abuse or restrictions on activities like sports.)
- **Are pre-existing conditions covered?**
- **What is your maximum coverage and what are the deductibles or copayments that would apply to a claim?**
- **Are certain countries/ locations not covered?**

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Tax Talk

Need Advice?

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What can I claim for our new baby, and can I claim my spouse as a dependant?

Q I had a baby this year. What can we claim?

A Congratulations. You should receive $100 per month from the Universal Child Care Benefit. This is income and must be reported by the lower-income spouse. You can claim the child amount for the entire year no matter when your baby was born which means $338 in tax savings. Childcare expenses are the other big benefit for parents, although you might not need daycare yet. To keep receiving the monthly Canada Child Tax Benefit, you and your spouse must both file a return. The benefit is calculated based on the most recent tax year. Fail to file and the cheques will stop.

Q My spouse did not work in 2013. Can I claim him as a dependant?

A Yes, you can claim the $11,038 spousal amount if he had no income for the year. If your spouse earned some income last year, you need to deduct this amount from the spousal credit. For example, if your spouse earned $3,500, you would be able to claim $7,538 ($11,038 - $3,500) for the spousal credit. Even though your spouse had no income, he or she should still file a return to make sure you still keep getting all your benefits.

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Workers are defined by more than their abilities — they're also defined by their appetites. Here's what your workweek lunches say about your professional personality.

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5 breeds of office bread-breaker

The same-thing-every-day guy

Variety is overrated. You know what you like, and that's what you want. Even if that means ham-on-white five times a week. You're the office rock. Filing systems may get overhauled and printers may break down, but you remain a stable paperweight in a flurry of clerical chaos. While colleagues vie for the flashiest presentations and the loudest water-cooler anecdotes, you choose diligence over drama, staying far away from workplace politics. If we are what we eat, you're tried-and-true.

Tip: Small changes could freshen up your routine. Try cutting your sandwich on the diagonal!

You lunch most like Kevin from The Office. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

The resident health authority

Probiotics, macrobiotics, antioxidants, chia seeds. Whatever those things are, they're in your biodegradable brown bag. Who needs fluorescent bulbs when your skin is lighting up the cubicle? Your office mates might be a little baffled by your kale-and-spelt lifestyle, but they're also inspired. This time of year, most paper-pushers are getting Gollum-y: pale skin, hunched backs, serious vitamin D deprivation. But your clear-as-Evian pores beam rays of hope.

You lunch most like Chris Traeger from Parks and Recreation.

Tip: Cheat when it's polite. If Janis brings cupcakes for your birthday, eat one.

The super-prepared Tupperware obsessive

Your lunch is prepped and packed by 8 p.m. the night before. You own specially designed containers for each element of your meal — and you never lose the lids. There's a reason your lunch is more organized than most of your co-workers' desks: around your office, you're the most on-the-ball person, period. Becky spilled coffee on her blouse? You're right there with a Tide-to-Go stick. IT guy hemorrhaging from a paper cut? You've got Band-Aids in three different sizes. Freak toaster incident about to burn the whole building down? You memorized the fire evacuation plan your first day on the job.

You lunch most like Shoshanna from Girls.

Tip: Label everything. Thieves want your Thermos.

The party luncher

For you, "lunch meeting" has a broad definition. Mostly it means sneaking to the corner pub for an hour — or two. Every office needs a social glue person, and that's you. And while your role doesn't directly impact the bottom line, you still provide an essential workplace function: propping up morale. You're the one who boosts the mood so that everyone else can crush their to-do lists.

You lunch most like Roger Sterling from Mad Men.

Tip: Go big or go home. But don't go too big or you might get sent home forever.

The on-the-go stealth eater

No one has ever actually seen you eat lunch. Rumour has it you scarf down Clif bars between meetings. You've got priorities, and walking to the nearest pizza place for a slice of cheese on cardboard is not one of them. Hands down, you're the person putting their head down the most at your workplace. Maybe one day you'll be CEO, and someone else can pick up your Domino's for you.

Tip: No one has to witness it, but make sure you do eat.

The world takes a walk in his shoes

Captain of canvas. The Toms brand continues to expand with Blake Mycoskie at the helm

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Just seven years ago, Blake Mycoskie was selling Toms shoes out of his apartment. "It seems like forever to me," he cracks. But since then, the canvas shoes have become ubiquitous, and Toms has turned into a global brand not just for shoes, but also for eyewear. Now, Mycoskie has launched Toms coffee.

The company is known for its one-for-one concept: Buy one pair of shoes and Toms will give a pair to a person in need. Toms coffee will also have a charitable bent: Every bag of beans gets someone one week (140 litres) of clean water in Guatemala, Honduras, Malawi, Peru and Rwanda — the same countries that house the coffee plantations.

Mycoskie hopes to turn the coffee trade upside down and have Toms coffee shops all over the U.S.; he's already opened one in Los Angeles and plans to roll out more around the country later this year, including in New York City this summer. But he also aims to launch a new product every year, hoping to become, as he puts it, the Richard Branson of socially responsible products.

Mycoskie, 37, gave us his top tips for young entrepreneurs hoping to break out with the next big startup.

Keep it simple

Mycoskie says it's important not to be in a rush: Don't be so overly ambitious that you miss the big picture. "Don't be afraid to be small for as long as you need to be small," he says. "When you're doing a startup, so many of them have this pressure where they feel the need to be so big and have so much revenue and raise money so fast."

Instead, Mycoskie says, young entrepreneurs should hold their horses and let their businesses blossom. "There's a gestation period during which it needs to organically come into the market," he explains. He says his initial goal was just to sell 250 pairs of Toms shoes every six months: "We ended up doing a lot more than that, but had we set out with a big, ambitious goal, I don't know if we'd have the success that we had."

Don't choose entrepreneurship as a career

Mycoskie says it's a big mistake to get caught up on the idea of entrepreneurship as a career. "If you're at university saying, 'I'm going to be an entrepreneur,' and you don't know what you're going to start — that's scary," he says. "Find your passion about changing or doing something where the only way you can do that is to start a business." Have a clear purpose in mind before you venture out into the scary world of startups.

Meatballs: The next generation

Spaghetti and Cheese Stuffed Meatballs.

You've heard of stuffed crust pizza. Now, stuff your pasta entrée with ooey gooey mozza

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From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

Everyone loves the classic spaghetti and meatballs. But traditionally, this is not the healthiest meal you can enjoy. Usually a larger-than-necessary portion of pasta is served and fatty beef makes up the meatballs.

Here's a twist using mozzarella-stuffed meatballs, lower-fat ground beef and whole wheat spaghetti.

When buying ground beef, there is a large difference between extra-lean and regular. A four-ounce portion of extra-lean has 193 calories and seven grams of fat versus the regular ground, which has 300 calories and 20 grams of fat.

Ingredients

Meatballs
- 1 lb extra lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 3/4 cup part-skim mozzarella cheese cut into 12 small cubes

Sauce and Pasta
- 3 cups tomato sauce
- 1/2 lb whole wheat spaghetti noodles

Garnish
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh basil

This recipe serves four. ROSE REISMAN

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil lightly coated with cooking spray.

2. Meatballs: Combine ground beef, bread crumbs, green onions, barbecue sauce, egg, garlic and basil. Form into 12 round meatballs. Press a cube of cheese in middle and seal. Place on baking sheet and bake 12 minutes, turning halfway through the cooking time.

3. Place tomato sauce in saucepan and add cooked meatballs. Bring to boil over medium-high heat, reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 5 minutes, stirring.

4. Meanwhile, bring pot of water to boil. Add spaghetti and cook according to package directions. Drain and serve with meatballs and sauce spooned over spaghetti. Garnish with Parmesan and basil. **THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)**

This recipe serves four. ROSE REISMAN

The secret is in the tomatoes

If you love the influence of Italian or Mediterranean cuisine, this Layered Tomato, Pesto and Buffalo Mozzarella Cheese Salad will fit the bill.

Ripe tomatoes, pesto and creamy Buffalo mozzarella cheese make this a delicious appetizer, salad or perfect vegetable dish to suit any Italian entrée. I also eat this creamy, mouth-watering salad as an entire meal.

The key is to buy ripe tomatoes. You can also use plum or vine tomatoes instead of the field ones.

Buffalo mozzarella is the finest tasting cheese you can eat. It's made from the milk of water buffalos and comes packed in water. If you're not using it all, then keep the rest in water. It is high in protein and calcium.

If you can't find it, you can also substitute with Bocconcini cheese.

1. On a serving plate, place one slice tomato and spread a little pesto over top. Lay a piece of cheese halfway down and repeat with remaining tomatoes and cheese.

2. Garnish with basil leaves.
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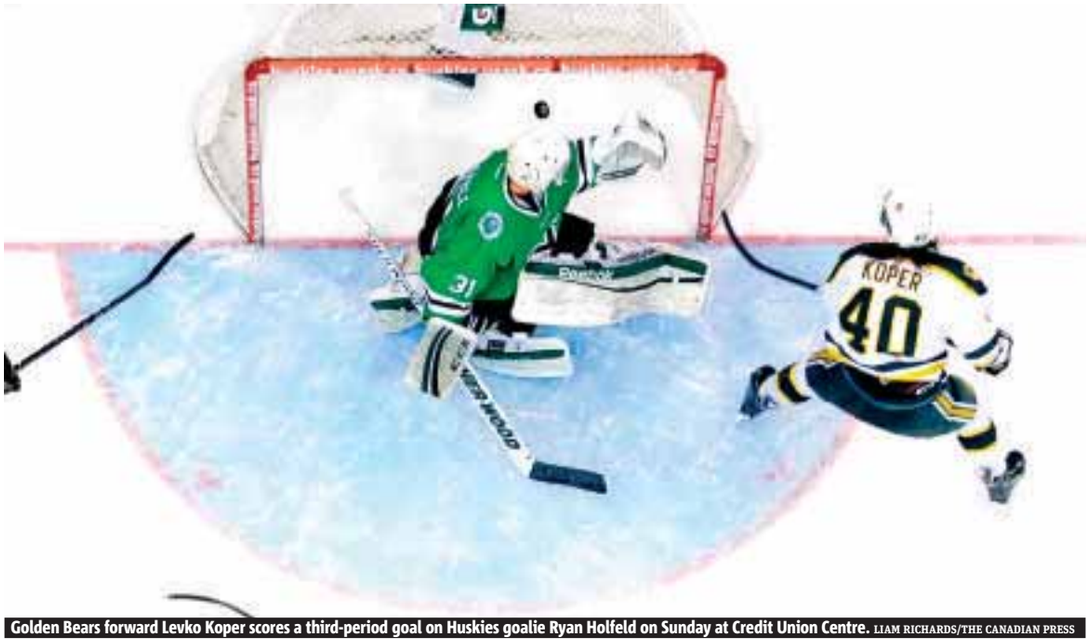
Ingredients

- 1 large field ripe tomato sliced into 8 - (1/4") slices
- 1/4 cup store-bought pesto or homemade
- 3 oz Buffalo mozzarella or Bocconcini cheese sliced into 8 small rounds
- Fresh basil leaves as garnish



Golden Bears forward Levko Koper scores a third-period goal on Huskies goalie Ryan Holfeld on Sunday at Credit Union Centre. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Loss to U of A hard for Huskies to bear

CIS hockey. Home ice advantage not enough to push University of Saskatchewan to national title victory

University Cup final

Golden Bears	Huskies
3	1

Levko Koper scored twice, including the game-winner, to lead the top-seeded University of Alberta Golden Bears to a 3-1 victory over the host Saskatchewan Huskies on Sunday in the Canadian university men's hockey championship.

It's a record 14th University Cup triumph for U of A.

It was the first national championship since 2008 for the Bears, who were skating in their 19th CIS title match, another all-time mark. With the win, Alberta improved to 6-0 this season against its archrival from the Canada West conference.

"It was a long time coming," said Ian Herbers, who was in his second campaign behind the U of A bench and had won a title as a player with the Bears back in 1992. "The guys worked so hard all year, going back to their off-season training last summer. There's so much leadership in our locker-room. The focus and determination of our players was phenomenal."

The championship game was played in front of 6,289 fans at Credit Union Centre, lifting the seven-game total to 41,089, a new standard for the 52-year-old tournament. The previous standard of 40,956 had been set in 2000 at Credit Union Centre, then known as Saskatchewan Place.

Saskatchewan head coach Dave Adolph, whose program's lone CIS title dates back to 1983, was proud of his teams despite the heartbreaking loss.

"It's hard to win a national championship," said Adolph. "Our guys gave it everything they had. They fought their way to credibility and proved they belonged in this tournament. Today, they just ran into a powerhouse."

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NHL

Devils pounce on wounded Leafs

Rookie defenceman Jon Merrill set up a second-period breakaway goal by Patrik Elias and scored 32 seconds later to lead the New Jersey Devils to a much-needed 3-2 win over Toronto on Sunday night, sending the struggling Maple Leafs to their fifth straight loss.

The skid ties Toronto's longest of the season and it could not have come at a worse time with nine games left in the regular season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASCAR

Busch whacks competition in Cali

With tires and tempers blowing up all over the track for 400 crazy miles, Kyle Busch stayed calm and relied on his remarkable knack for big finishes in Fontana, Calif.

Busch won on the two-mile oval for the second straight year Sunday, holding off Kyle Larson, Tony Stewart and his older brother Kurt on a frantic two-lap sprint to the finish.

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Kyle Busch celebrates his win at Auto Club Speedway on Sunday in Fontana, Calif. GETTY IMAGES

Canada's Lisa Weagle, front left, skip Rachel Homan and Alison Kreviazuk move a rock in the house as Switzerland's Irene Schori, back left, and skip Binia Feltscher look on in the gold-medal match at the Ford World Women's Curling Championship on Sunday in Saint John, N.B. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Homan human after all

Switzerland's Binia Feltscher claimed the Ford Women's World Curling Championship with a 9-5 win over Canada's Rachel Homan on Sunday.

It's the second women's world title for Switzerland in three years.

"I can't speak," Feltscher said. "I don't know, maybe I can say something tomorrow. Today I have no words. No words."

Feltscher's victory follows Mirjam Ott's win in Lethbridge, Alta., in 2012. Feltscher won an Olympic silver medal in 2006 playing third for Ott.

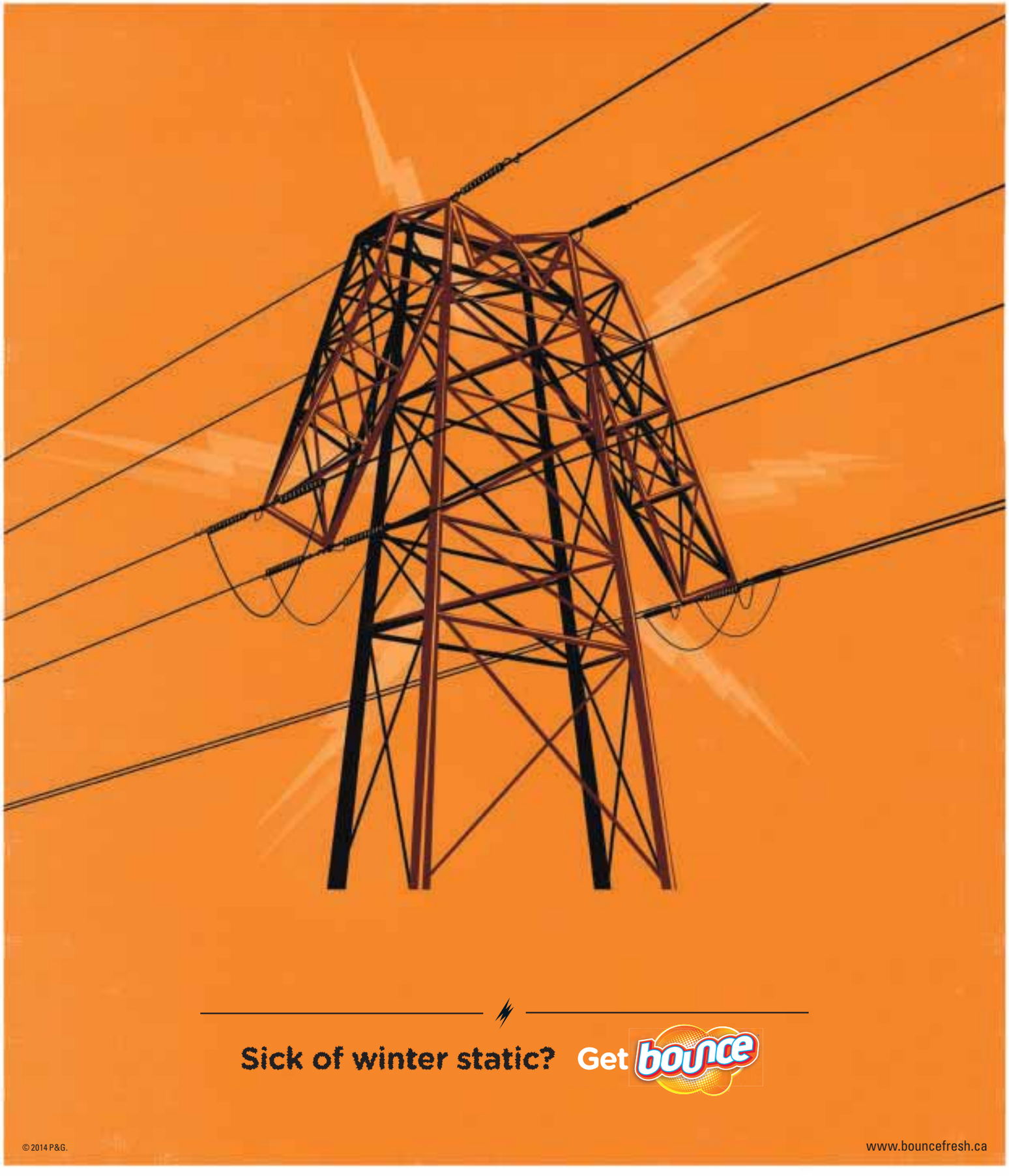
Canada led 5-3 after seven ends, but a devastating eighth cost Homan. The Swiss scored three points on Canadian mistakes and Homan couldn't recover.

More errors in the ninth forced Homan into a low percentage angle raise double takeout with her final throw. The Canadian skip missed and gave up a steal of three at Harbour Station in Saint John.

It was a deflating end for Homan, third Emma Miskew, second Alison Kreviazuk and lead Lisa Weagle because their record was 11-1 going into the final.

"We're obviously disappointed, but we still won a silver medal," Homan said. "The crowd did an unbelievable job today. We'll be back for more."

Homan missed her last shot of the semifinal in Riga, Latvia, last year. She gave up a steal and the win to eventual champion Eve Muirhead of Scotland. THE CANADIAN PRESS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O-linemen guard their draft spots at combine

CFL. Lavertu, Foucault continue to impress coaches, scouts in Toronto ahead of draft

They came into the CFL combine as the top prospects and Pierre Lavertu and David Foucault didn't do anything Sunday to diminish that standing.

The two offensive linemen capped the weekend in Toronto with solid performances in the 1-on-1 drills although Foucault, who was battling the flu, also showed he was human. The six-foot-eight, 300-pound tackle was knocked on his backside in a 1-on-1 matchup with Western defensive end Dylan Ainsworth, who gave up six inches and 75 pounds on the Montreal Carabins offensive lineman.

"He did the bullrush and kicked my ass," Foucault said with a chuckle. "I was too high in my stance and he took advantage of my weakness.

"It was a good experience here to see all the best guys in Canada as well as the CFL teams. It was a good weekend."

Lavertu, a six-foot-three, 300-pound lineman from Laval, and Foucault finished the season ranked second and third, respectively, on the CFL scouting bureau's top-15 prospects for this year's draft. McGill tackle Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, who ended up No. 1, didn't attend, as he'll hold his pro day in Montreal next week for both NFL and CFL officials.

That left the offensive line contingent with three of the remaining four top-ranked players — Simon Fraser's Matthias Goossen ended the year at No. 5. The other was fourth-ranked St. Francis receiver Devon Bailey.

Ottawa Redblacks scout Miles Gorrell, who played 19 CFL seasons as an offensive lineman, gushed about the O-line talent at the combine.

"Their footwork and hand placement are very good, it's clear they're well coached," Gorrell said. "You see guys like Pierre Lavertu, David Foucault and Matthias Goossen stepping up to the plate and being able to prove to the coaches and scouts they're ready to take the next step.

"But a kid like Jaskaran Dhillon of UBC really impressed me, this was his first year playing on the offensive line. I also thought Terry Hart from Mount Allison did a great job and I also liked Kyle Patterson of Regina and Aaron Wheaton from the U of T."

Gorrell also had words of encouragement for Foucault.

"I'll guarantee you every offensive lineman has had that day," he said. "You consider a defensive lineman has 12 sacks in 18 games and he's had a great year but that means the offensive line has stopped him 98 per cent of the time."

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Other standouts

- Manitoba's Evan Gill, the scouting bureau's top-ranked defensive lineman at No. 6, displayed impressive strength Sunday. However, not having been in pads since the end of the season took its toll on the six-foot-three 300-pound Winnipeg native. "It was tough knocking the rust off," he said.
- Laval defensive back Adam Thibault was a standout individually. Thibault, ranked No. 13 on the CFL's top-15 list, had the top 40-yard dash time of 4.454 seconds and also finished first in the left and right agility drills.

Laval offensive lineman Pierre Lavertu impressed coaches at the 2014 CFL combine. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Stanford ends Wiggins' run at Kansas

Stanford's Josh Huestis, right, contests a shot from Andrew Wiggins of Kansas on Sunday in St. Louis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Next stop for Andrew Wiggins: the NBA draft lottery.

The Kansas freshman, sensational all season, would just as soon forget what looks to be his college swan song.

"I could have done a lot better, I didn't give my team what they needed," Wiggins said after scoring just four points with four turnovers in the second-seeded Jayhawks' 60-57 loss to No. 10 seed Stanford on Sunday in the third round of the South Regional.

Just a little more from Wiggins, who had averaged 28 points the previous four games, might have been enough to send Kansas to the round of 16. He didn't get involved at all, hitting just one of six shots.

"I let a lot of people down," Wiggins said. "If I would have played better, we wouldn't be in this situation, you know?

"I blame myself for this."

Jayhawks coach Bill Self expects Kansas to be back in this position soon, just not with Wiggins.

"You know, this isn't the worst thing that's going to happen to him in his life," Self said. "If it is, he's had a charmed life, there's no question about that.

"I'm sad for our team and I'm sad for him that it wasn't our day or his day today."

Stanford's front line might have thrown off Wiggins, who again didn't have seven-foot centre Joel Embiid with him because of a stress fracture in his back.

"We don't go against many teams that are bigger than us," Self said. "So they bothered him with length. And I think he had an off-game, too."

Dwight Powell had 15 points and seven rebounds and Stanford wrapped up the upset from the free throw line.

Stanford will play 11th-seeded Dayton, which beat No. 3 Syracuse 55-53, in the round of 16 in Memphis, Tenn.

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Notable results from Sunday

- **Shockers run out of power.** Andrew Harrison scored 20 points, twin brother Aaron had 19 and Kentucky ended Wichita State's pursuit of a perfect season Sunday in a 78-76 victory.
- **Cyclones give Tar Heels the boot.** DeAndre Kane drove for the game-winning layup with 1.6 seconds left and Iowa State beat North Carolina 85-83.
- **Vols vault to round of 16.** Jarnell Stokes had 17 points and a career-high-tying 18 rebounds, and Tennessee denied Mercer a second straight upset, winning 83-63.

Sports in pictures

1 Soccer. Messi muscles Barca over Real Madrid

Lionel Messi scored a hat trick to give Barcelona a 4-3 win at 10-man Real Madrid in an electrifying match that kept the three-way Spanish league title race wide open between the two teams and Atletico Madrid.

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2 PGA. Every finally a winner on tour

Matt Every took advantage of a surprising collapse by Adam Scott and held on for his first PGA Tour win at the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Sunday.

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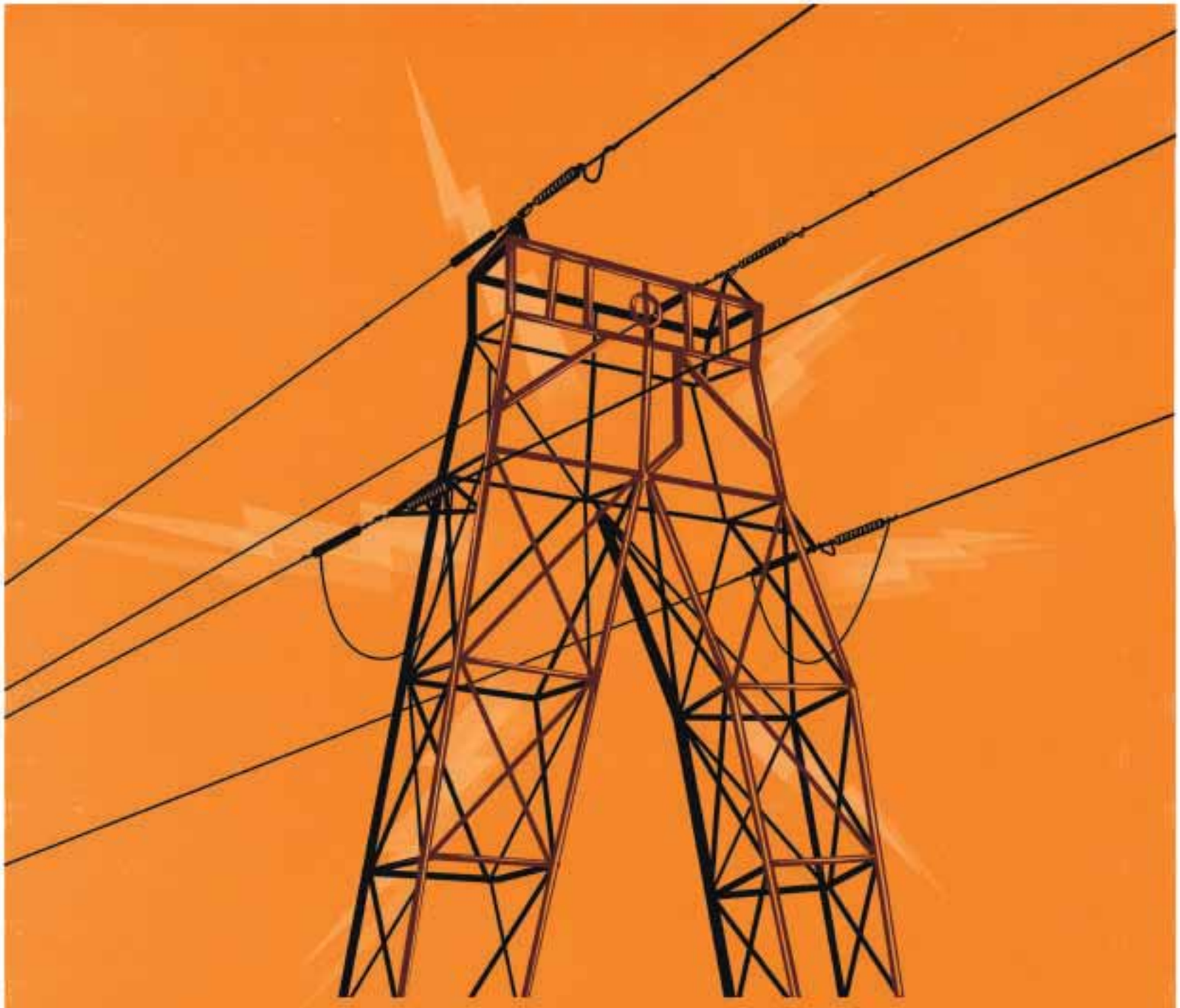
3 Rugby. Canada places 7th in Tokyo

An injury-hit Canada lost to England and the U.S. on Sunday to finish tied for seventh at the Japan Sevens.

Fiji scored five tries in the final to beat defending champion South Africa 33-26. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you need assistance over the next few days, you must ask for it. There is nothing heroic about keeping your pain to yourself. Why suffer when friends and family are ready and willing to help you?

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The omens are good now, so why do you think something bad is about to happen? Realize that if you think like that you increase the chances that it will happen that way.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Cosmic activity in the area of your chart that influences friendships means you must not stay at home. Get out and meet people. They certainly want to meet you.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You'll be able to twist people around your little finger today. Is it right to use your talents in this way? Of course it is. All is fair in love, war and getting ahead in your career.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't let anyone restrict your freedoms. You need to let those who would like to take away your right to think and speak for yourself that you are not having it, that you will fight them all the way. And you must mean it.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you let fear get the better of you today, you could miss out on something that would have been a lot of fun — and might even have made you money. You have nothing to be anxious about, so take risks.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Aries is trying to warn that where your feelings are concerned, you could be easily misled. Others may try to manipulate you but don't make it easy for them.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't be afraid to take risks on the work front this week. The planets indicate you need to be more adventurous where your methods and routines are concerned. Just be careful you don't overdo it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will see someone you thought of as a rival in a new light today. They are in fact one of the best friends you've got. Like all best friends, they may sometimes tell you things you don't want to hear.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Creatively and romantically the sky is the limit this week and with travel plans well starred, be on the move. Don't let duties hold you back. You are entitled time for yourself.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Let a friend who is feeling down know you are there for them. Your words could be all it takes to get them smiling. One small act of kindness could have a knock-on effect that transforms their life!

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will most likely make small gains over the next few days, which are then cancelled out by a number of small losses. Overall you won't be out of pocket, so take the rough with the smooth. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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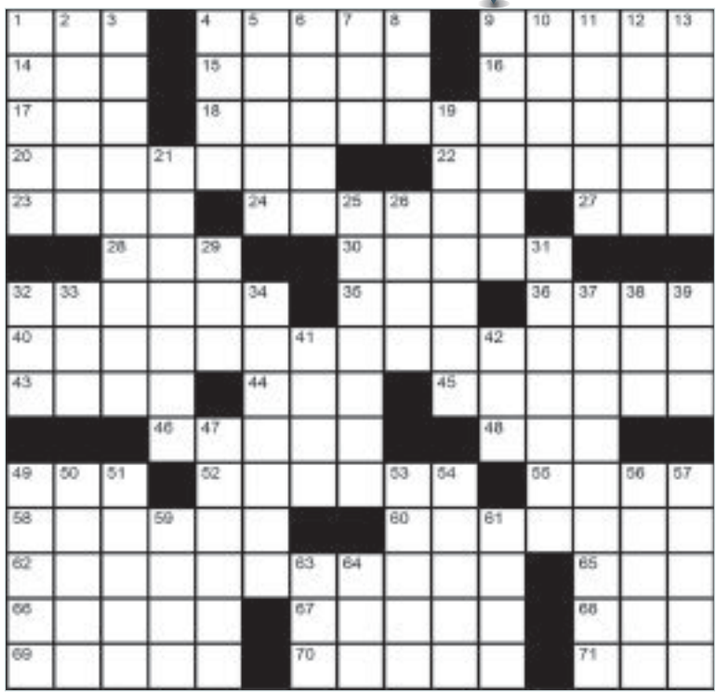
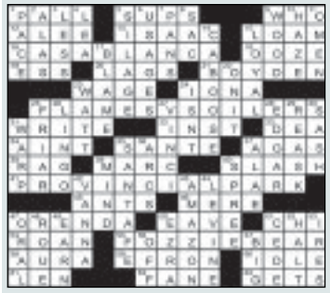


Across
1. American flight watchdog org.
4. "The Voice" coach
9. "__ __ I may, I can't..."
14. Whethers
15. Lady Gaga's "The Edge of __"
16. Hour: French
17. __ up (Absorb)
18. Kitchener-born trailblazer of hockey analysis who is a Member of the Order of Canada: 2 wds.
20. Montreal-based carrier, Air __
22. Tea type
23. Follower of 'Que' twice, in song
24. "The Graham __ Show", on BBC Canada
27. Scot's 'No'
28. Paraguay/Brazil border river
30. Singer Clay
32. Anxieties
35. Pierre's 'here'
36. Apartment features, in ads [acronym]
40. Toronto's whereabouts: 2 wds.
43. Church part
44. Poke fun
45. Boulangerie offering
46. Artwork like the original, informally
48. Emerald
49. "Oy __!"
52. Looked at
55. Li'l times
58. Food Network Canada show hosted by #19-Down, "Everyday __"
60. Canadian filmmaker Ivan
62. 'Nova Scotia' is Latin for what?: 2 wds.
65. Fam. member
66. Goodie
67. France: Oise tributary
68. __ boost
69. Old Roman roads
70. Breaks-not the rules
71. Putrefaction

Down
1. Scrapper's weapons
2. Previously, in ye olden days
3. Spring vegetable
4. Friends of 'eewws'
5. "Show Your Teeth": Vancouver singer/songwriter, Jasper __ Yip
6. __ __ books (Do-it-yourselfer's fave reads)
7. "__, _ don't know." (Unsure reply)
8. Deli bread
9. Soulmate: 2 wds.
10. Fishing rod part
11. "Stairway": Vancouver band, __ Blonde
12. Sporting facility
13. Mr. Savard, Montreal-born hockey great
19. Roger __ (Celebrity chef, a Judge on "Chopped Canada")
21. Cat-with-headphones-logo early music site
25. Sky surprise
26. Drummer Mr. Torres
29. Sports fig.
31. Least unkempt
32. Cool __ _ cucumber
33. Alphabetic trio
34. 1973 Al Pacino movie
37. What Quebec's motto 'Je me souviens' means: 2 wds.
38. Optima car maker
39. Old French coin
41. Juste pour __ (Montreal festival)
42. Identify
47. Forces from property
49. Twenty, in Rome
50. Strain
51. "That's awesome!"
53. Clear
54. Halifax-born musician Mr. Doherty (b.1940 - d.2007)
56. Ship's load
57. Snob
59. Bygone sovereign
61. Mid-month times
63. Universal ideal
64. Women's __ ('70s movement)

Friday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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	9		2			5		
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		5	6				9	4
	3		8					

Friday's Sudoku

6	8	7	9	4	2	1	5	3
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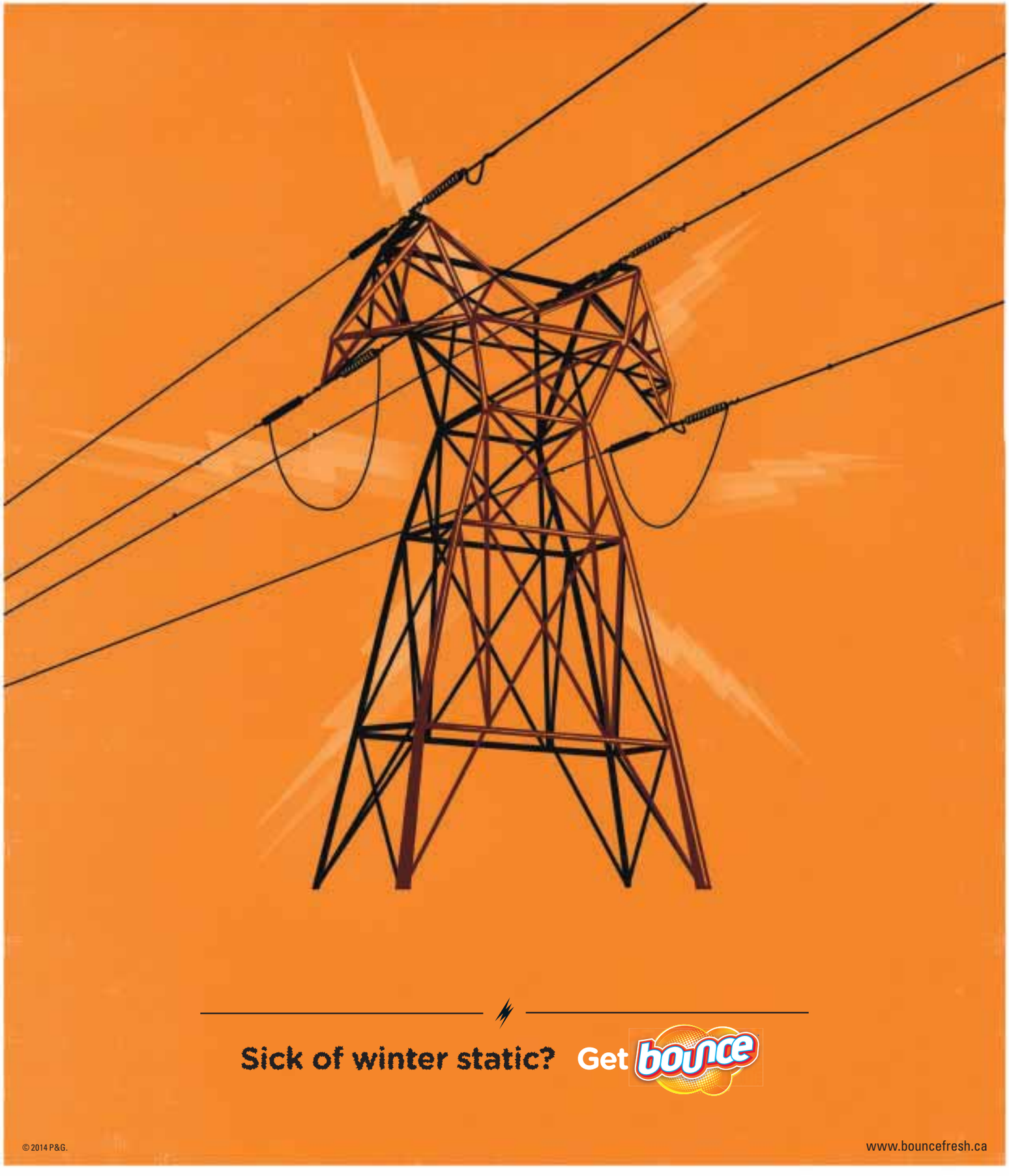
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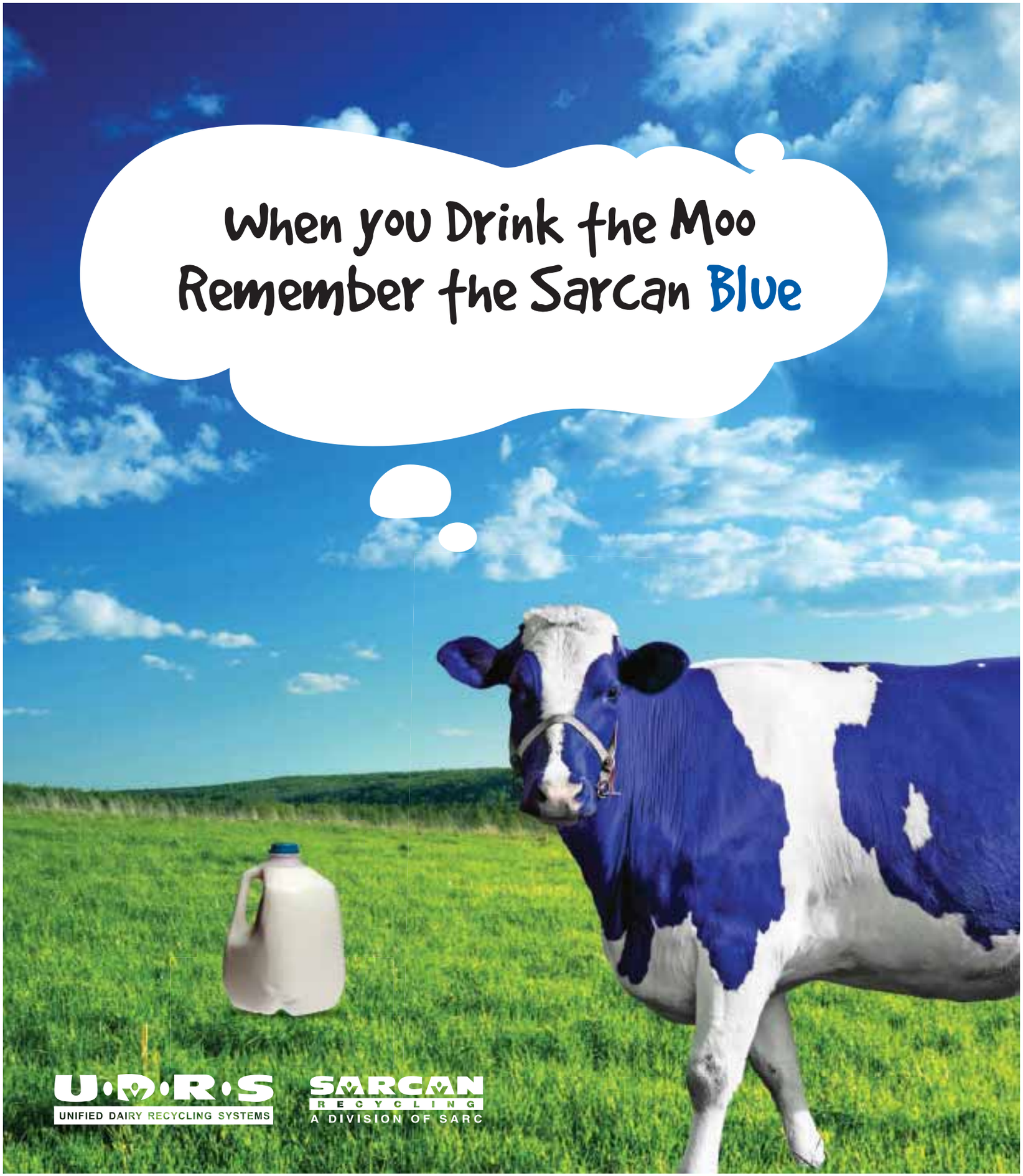
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